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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

family matters

chapter one

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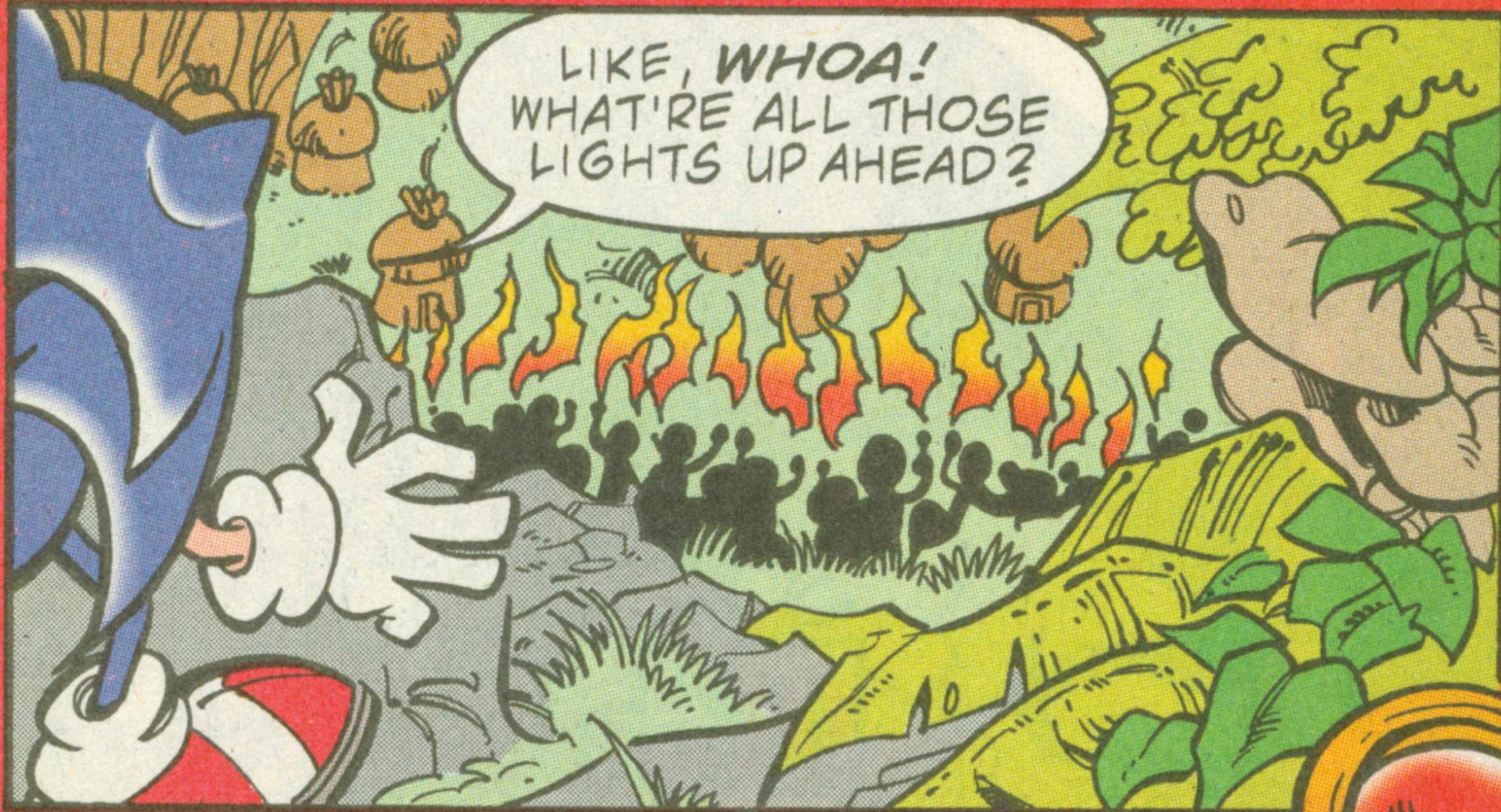
FEEL THAT
COOL BREEZE!
SMELL THE
FLOWERS! LIS-
TEN TO THE
RUNNING
BROOK!

YOU PRETTY MUCH
SUMMED IT UP, AMY! SURE
IS GOOD TO BE HOME!

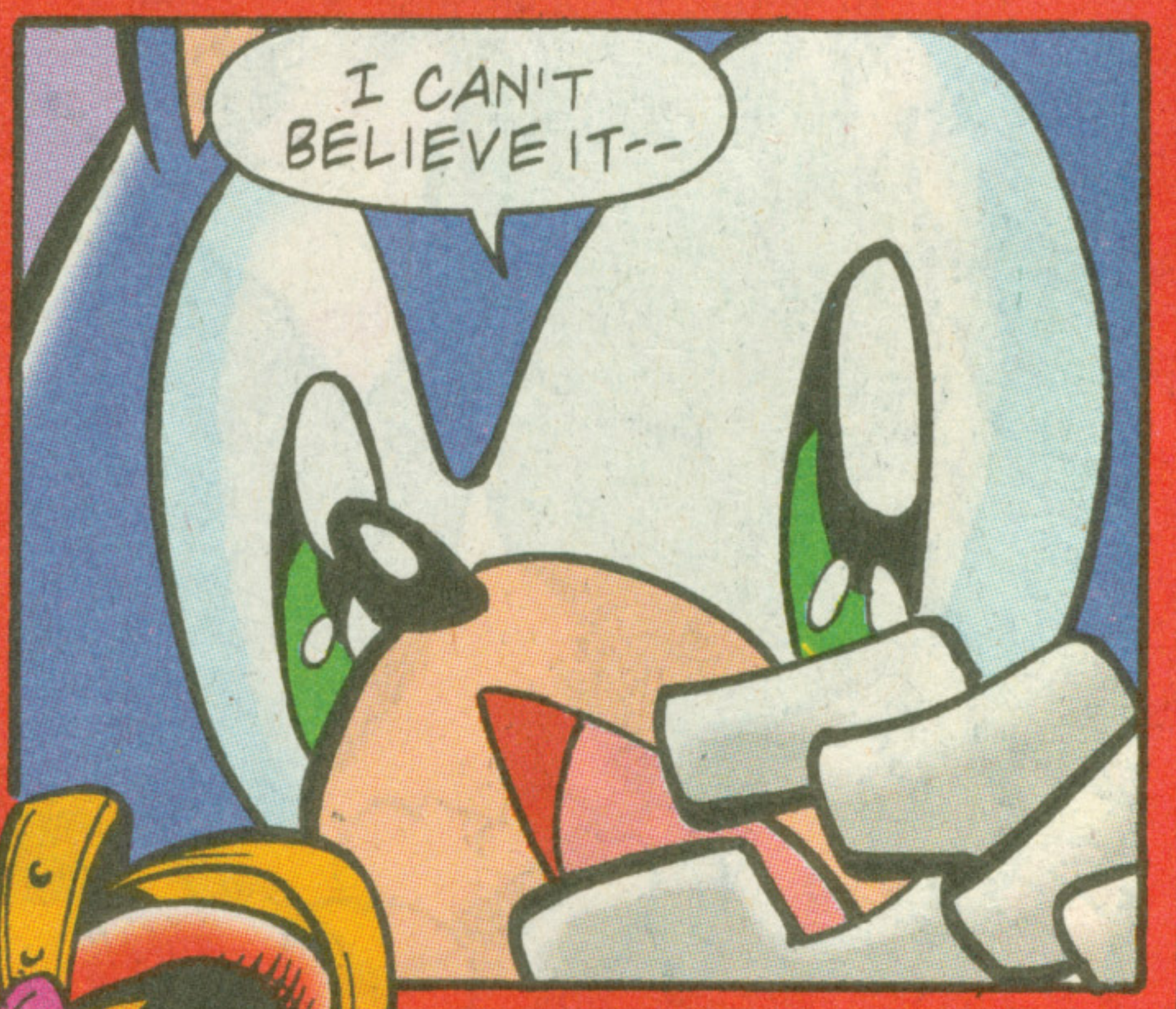
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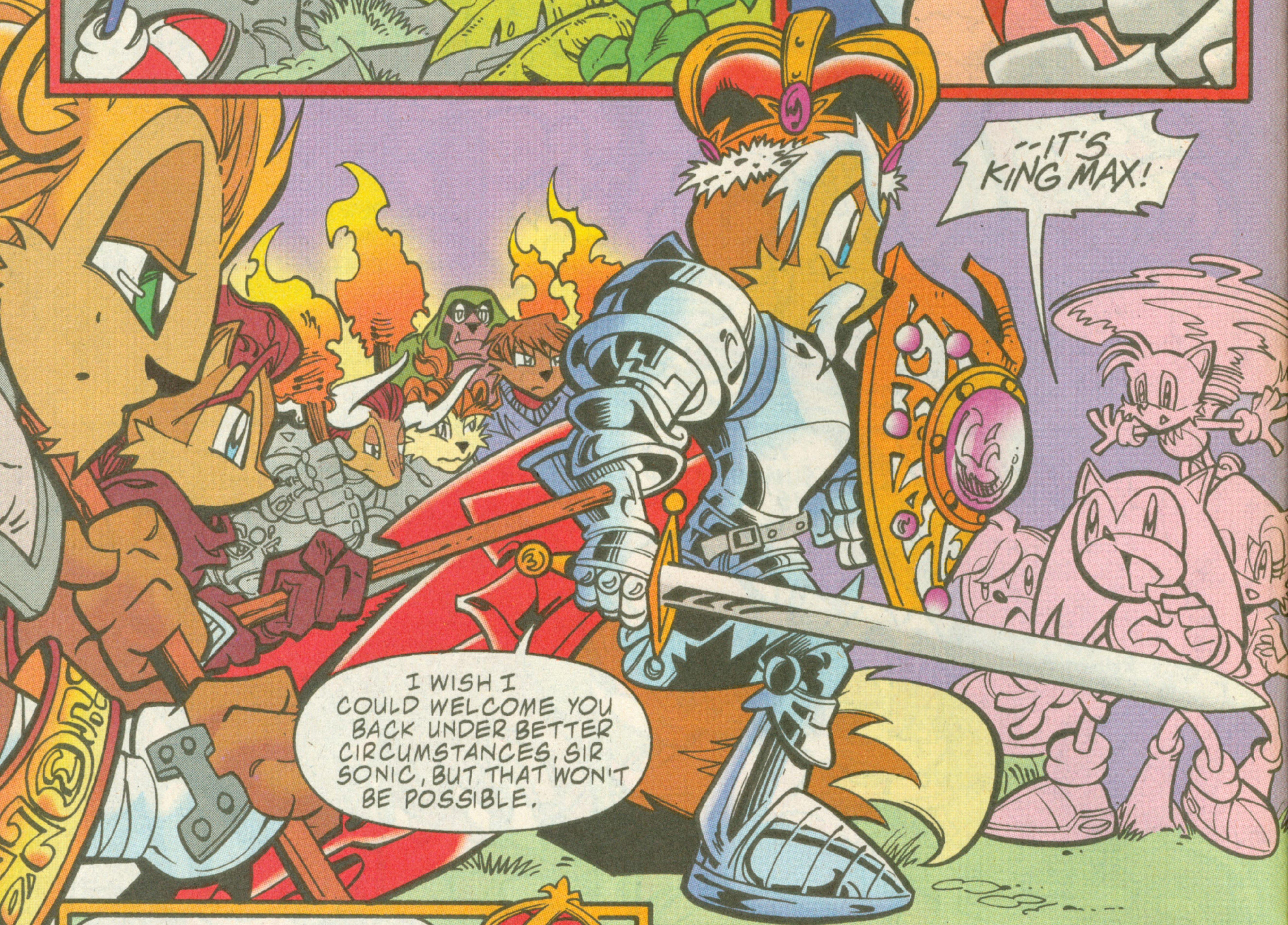
...AND I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN
SHAKIN' SINCE WE LEFT!



LIKE, *WHOA!*
WHAT'RE ALL THOSE
LIGHTS UP AHEAD?

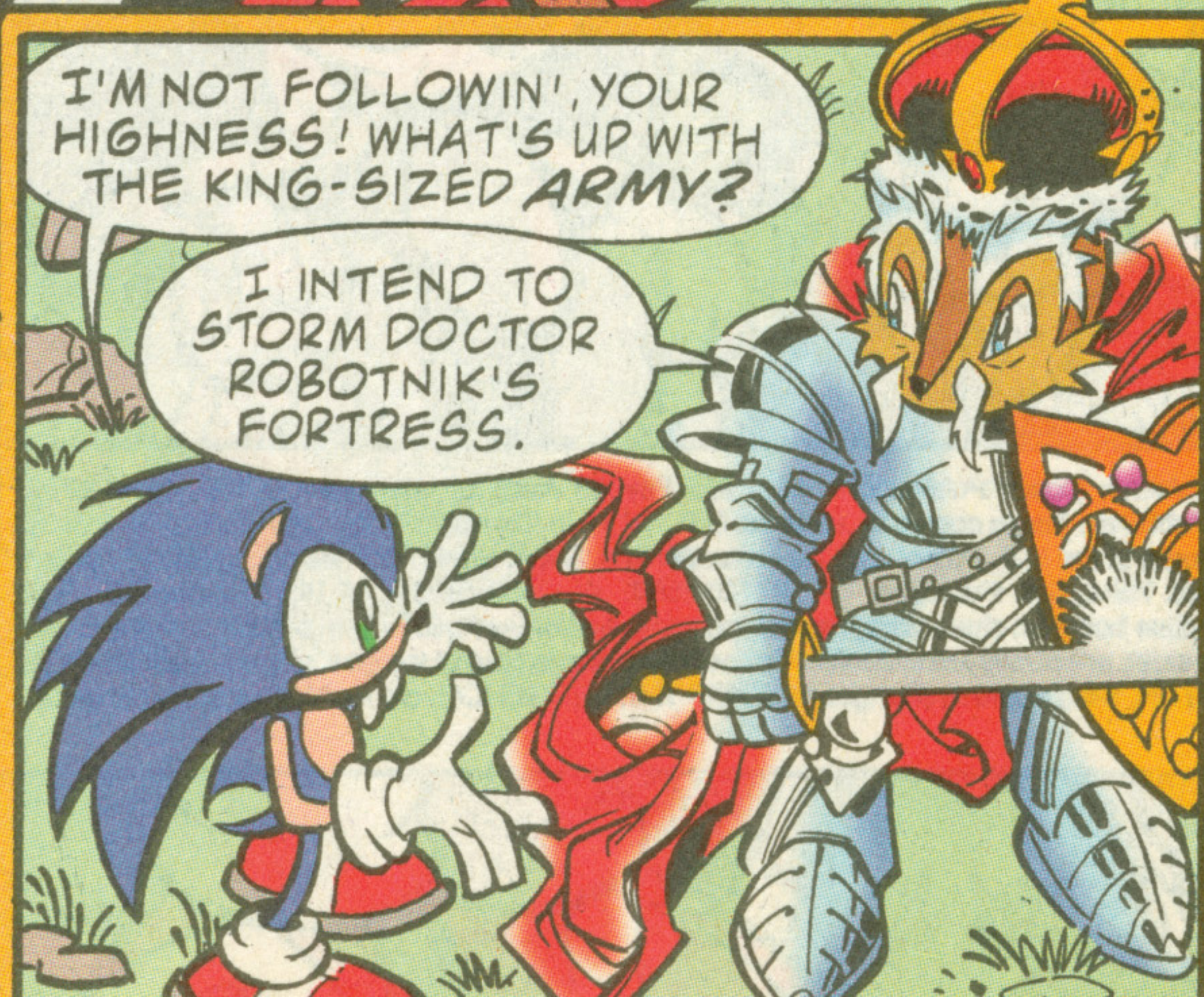


I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT--



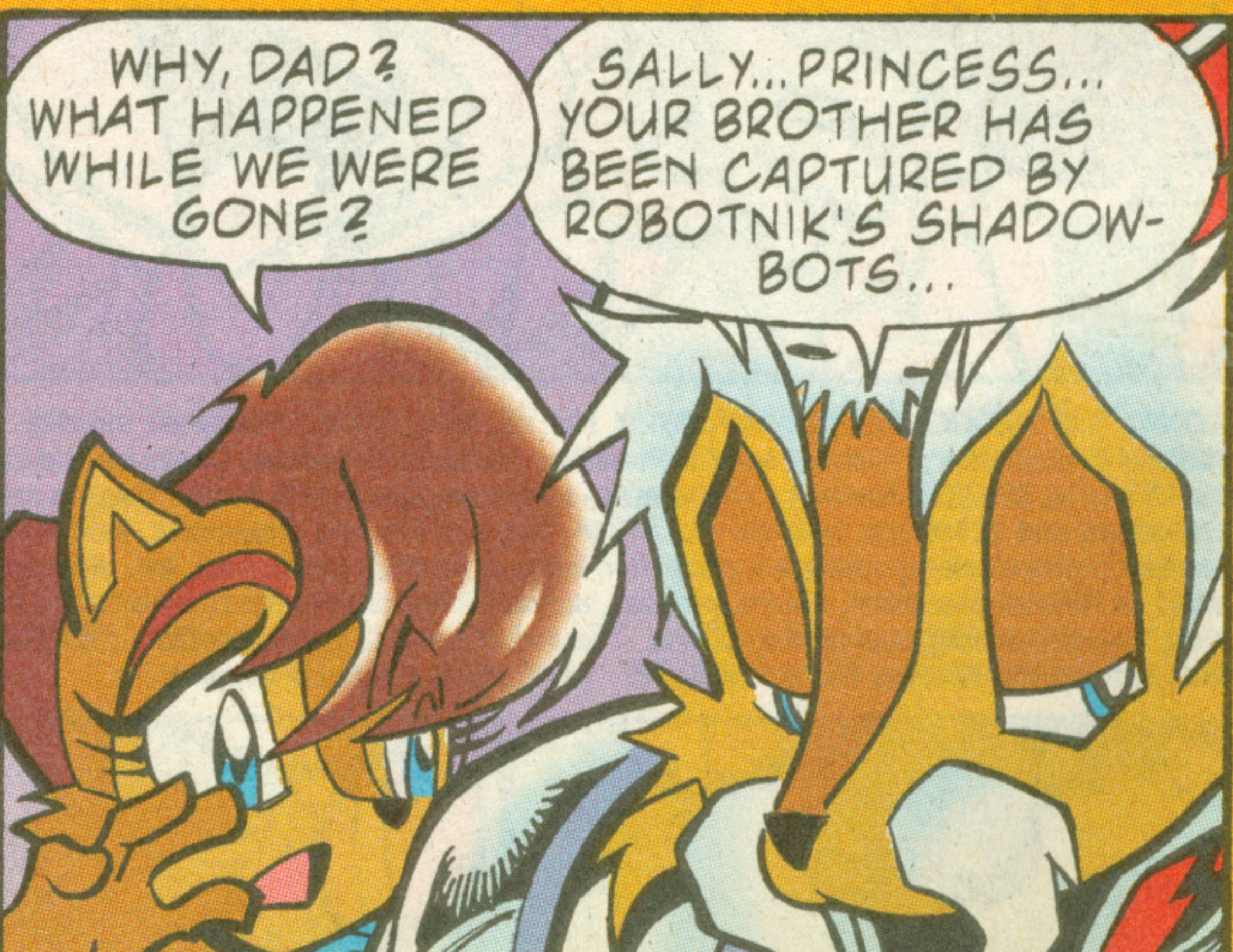
--IT'S
KING MAX!

I WISH I
COULD WELCOME YOU
BACK UNDER BETTER
CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR
SONIC, BUT THAT WON'T
BE POSSIBLE.



I'M NOT FOLLOWIN', YOUR
HIGHNESS! WHAT'S UP WITH
THE KING-SIZED *ARMY*?

I INTEND TO
STORM DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S
FORTRESS.



WHY, DAD?
WHAT HAPPENED
WHILE WE WERE
GONE?

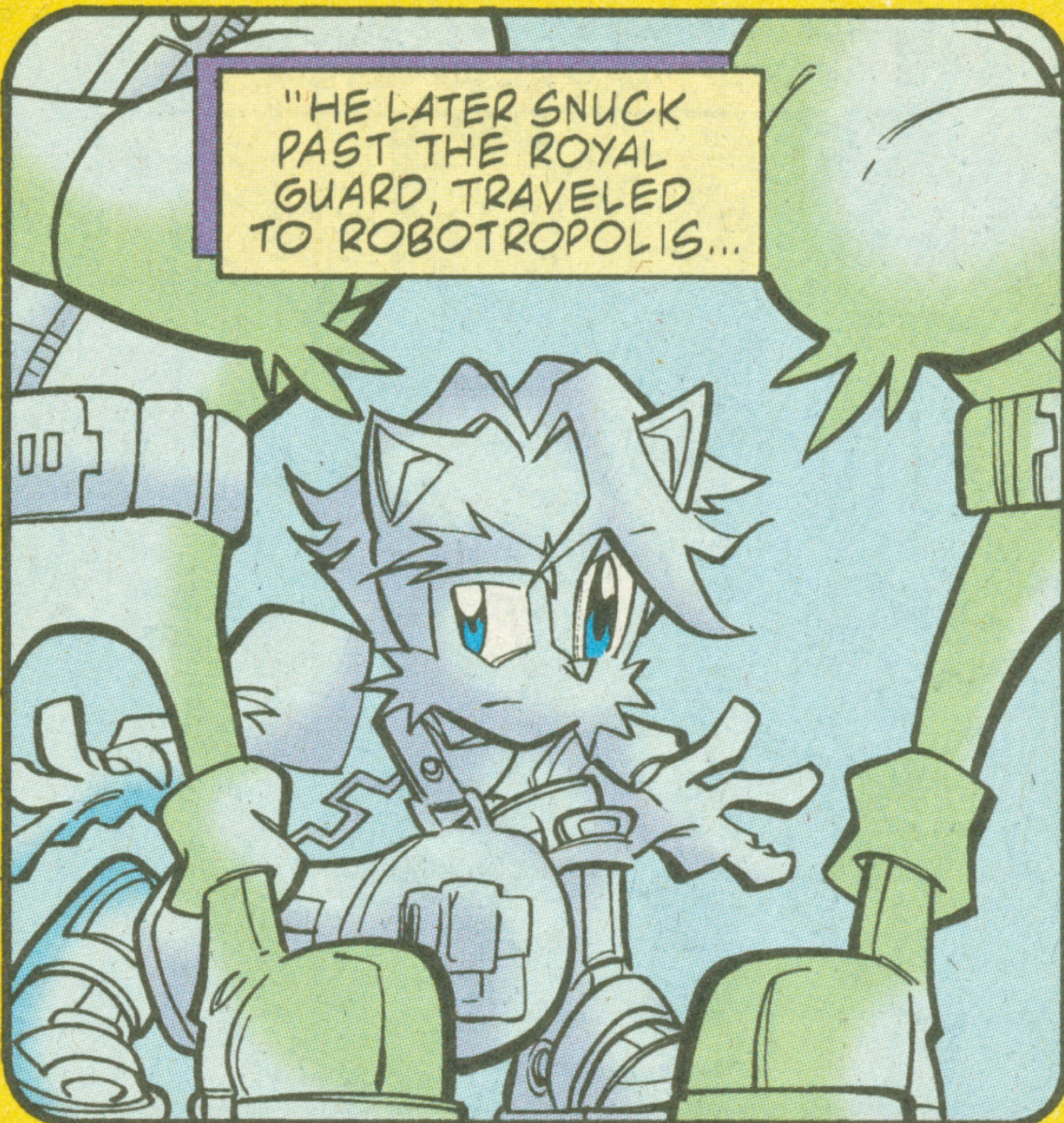
SALLY... PRINCESS...
YOUR BROTHER HAS
BEEN CAPTURED BY
ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW-
BOTS...

"I DIDN'T WISH TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU DEPARTED, BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAD WORSENERD."

"ELIAS OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORM ME OF THE BAD NEWS."



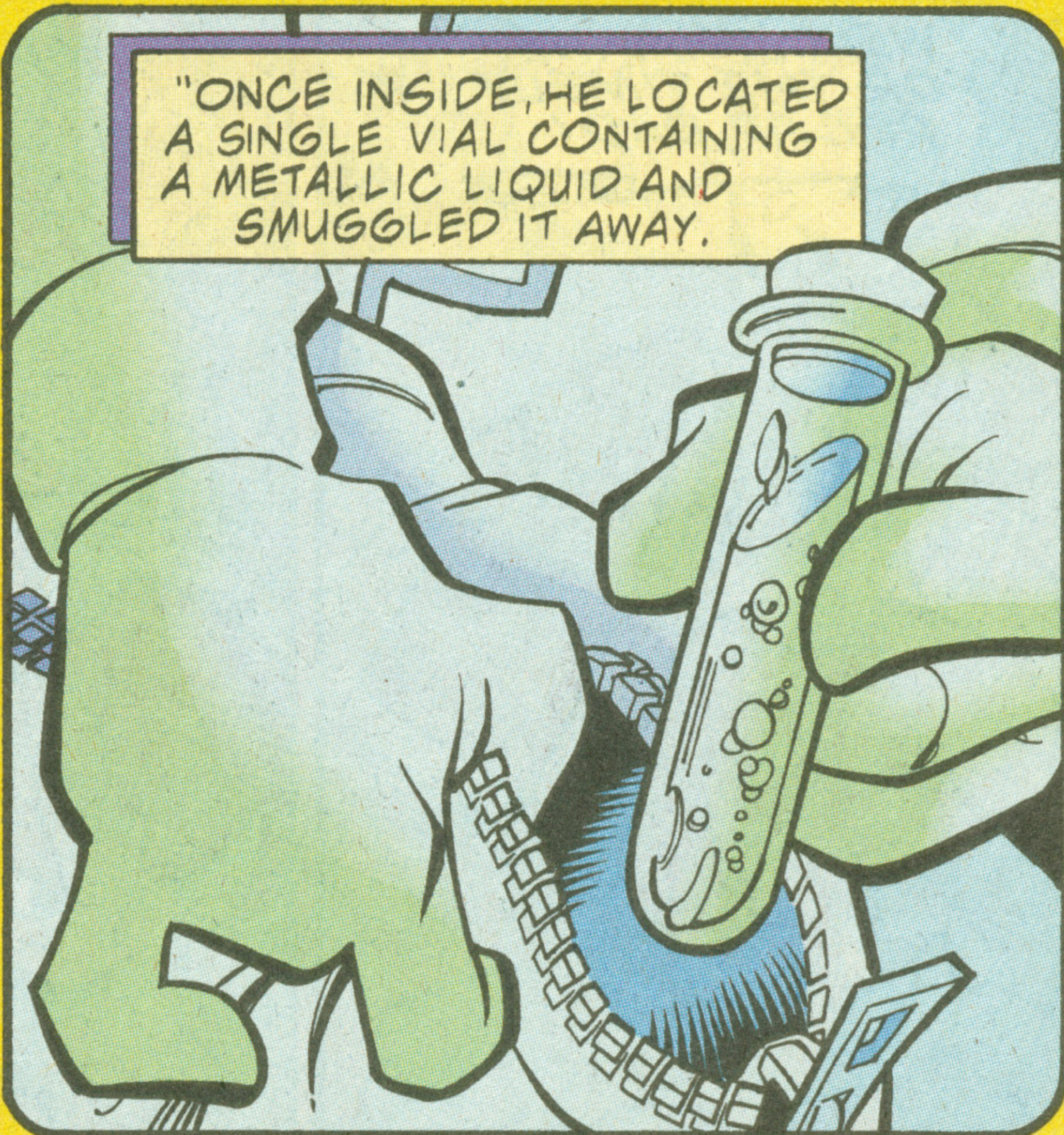
"HE LATER SNUCK PAST THE ROYAL GUARD, TRAVELED TO ROBOTROPOLIS..."



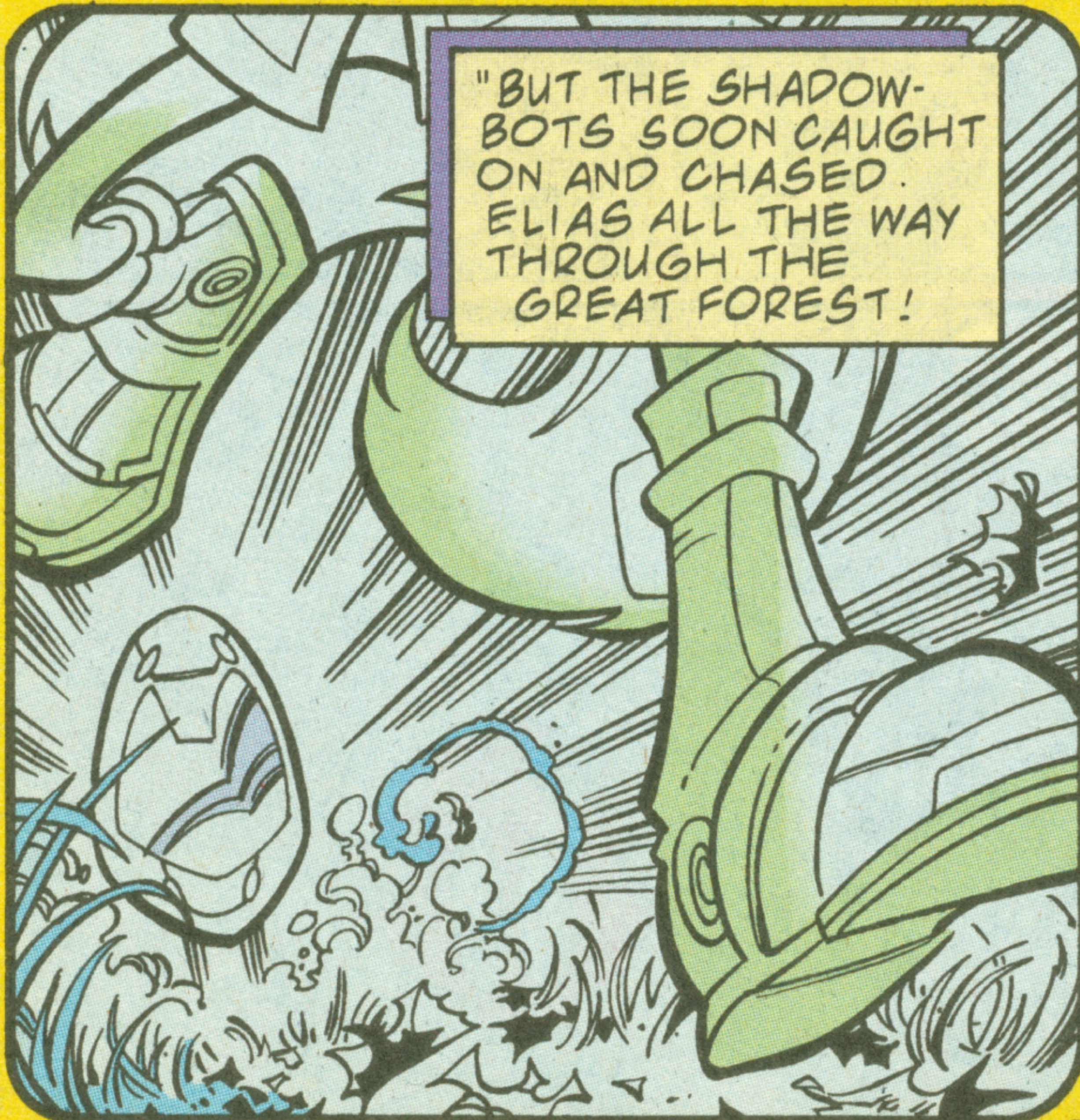
"...AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INFILTRATE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS."



"ONCE INSIDE, HE LOCATED A SINGLE VIAL CONTAINING A METALLIC LIQUID AND SMUGGLED IT AWAY."

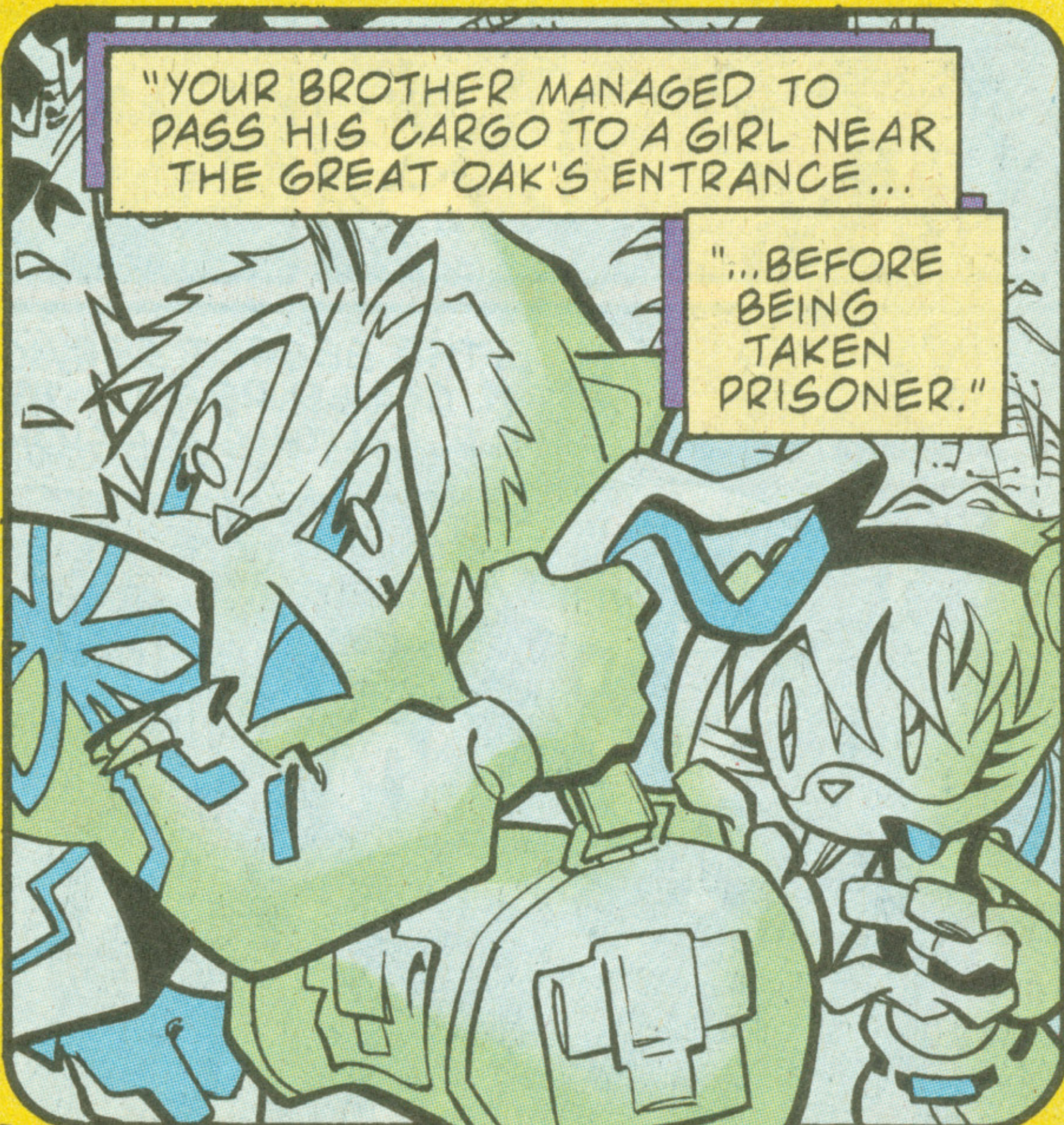


"BUT THE SHADOW-BOTS SOON CAUGHT ON AND CHASED ELIAS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GREAT FOREST!"



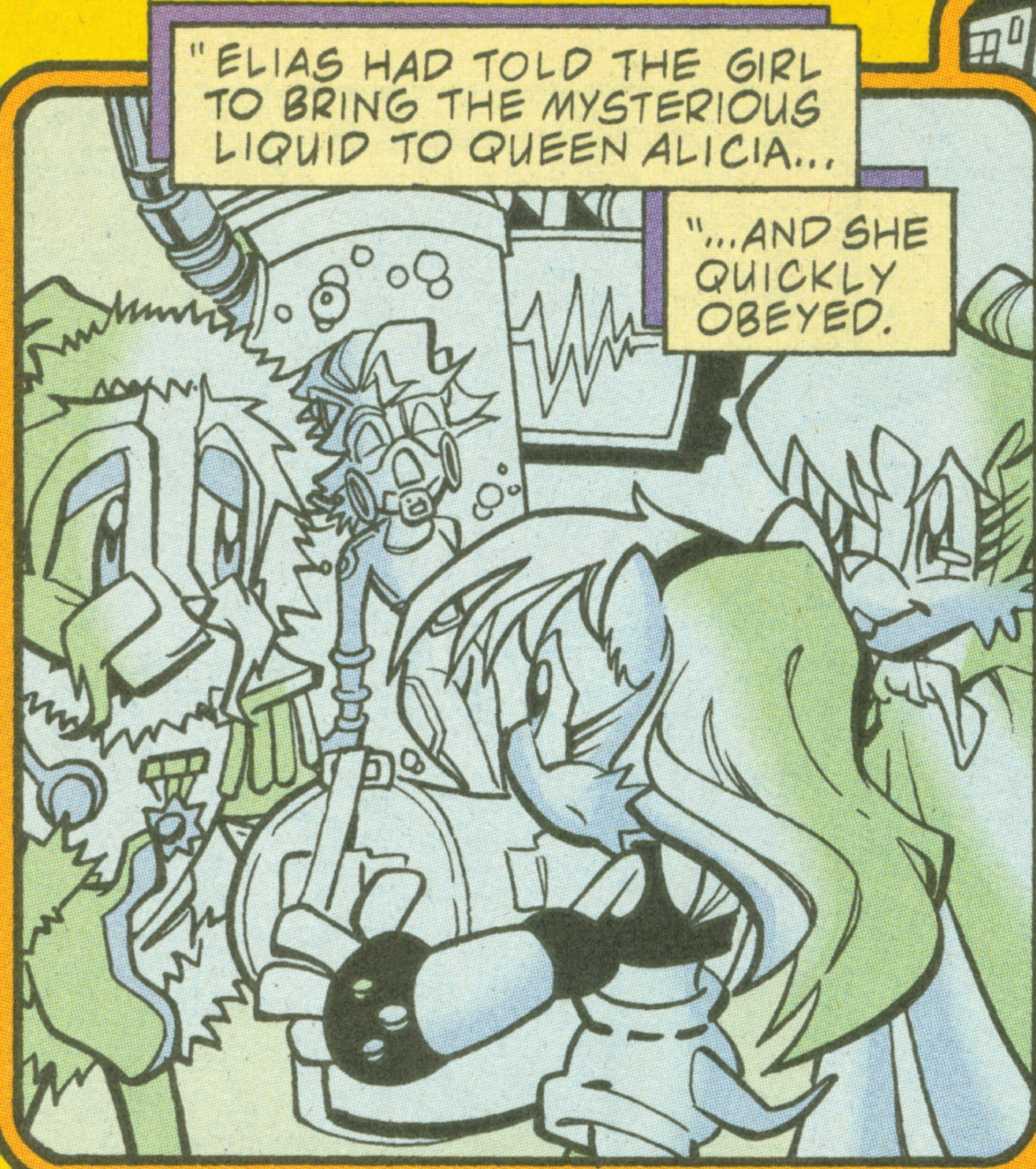
"YOUR BROTHER MANAGED TO PASS HIS CARGO TO A GIRL NEAR THE GREAT OAK'S ENTRANCE..."

"...BEFORE BEING TAKEN PRISONER."



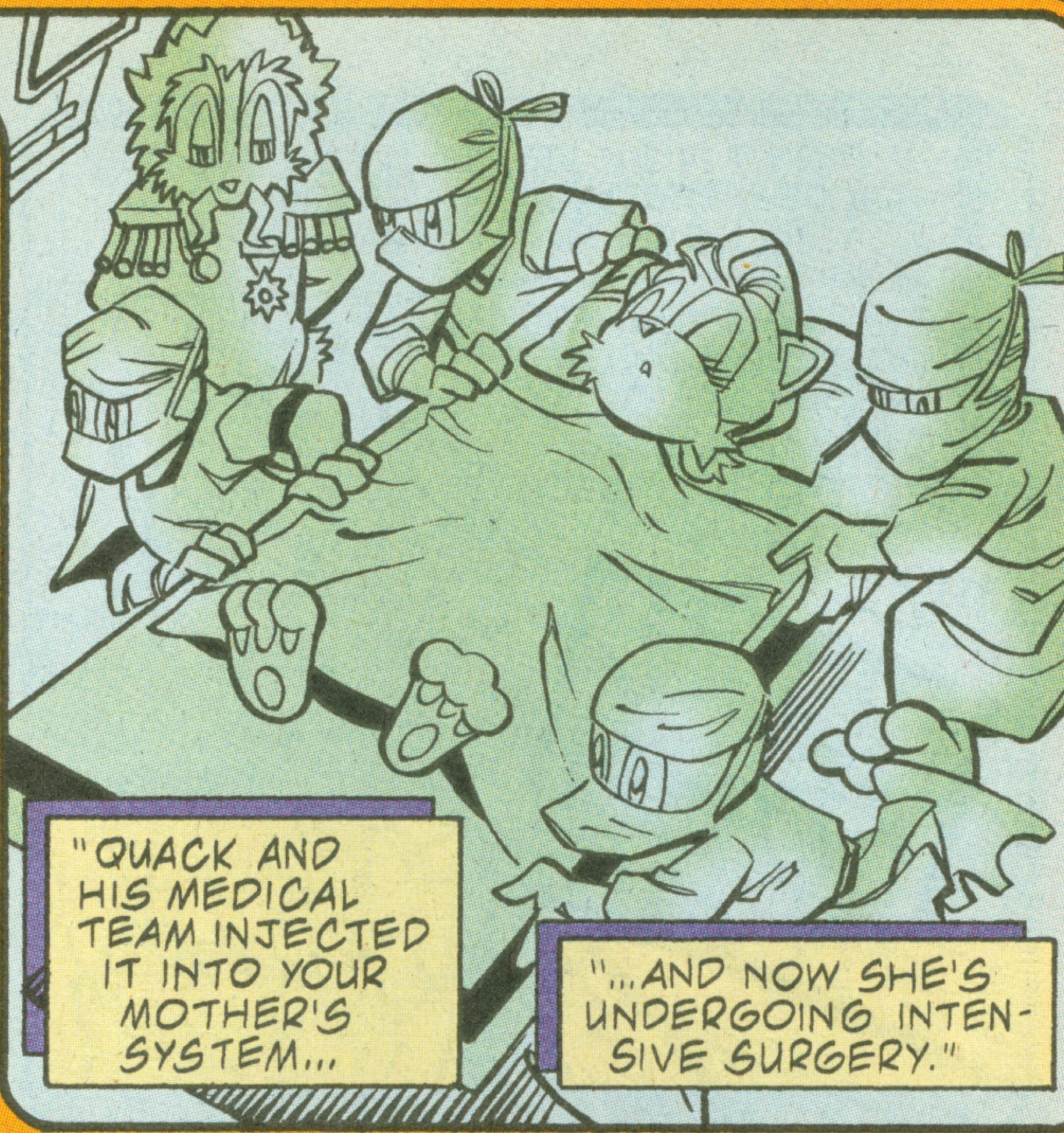
"ELIAS HAD TOLD THE GIRL TO BRING THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUID TO QUEEN ALICIA..."

"...AND SHE QUICKLY OBEYED."

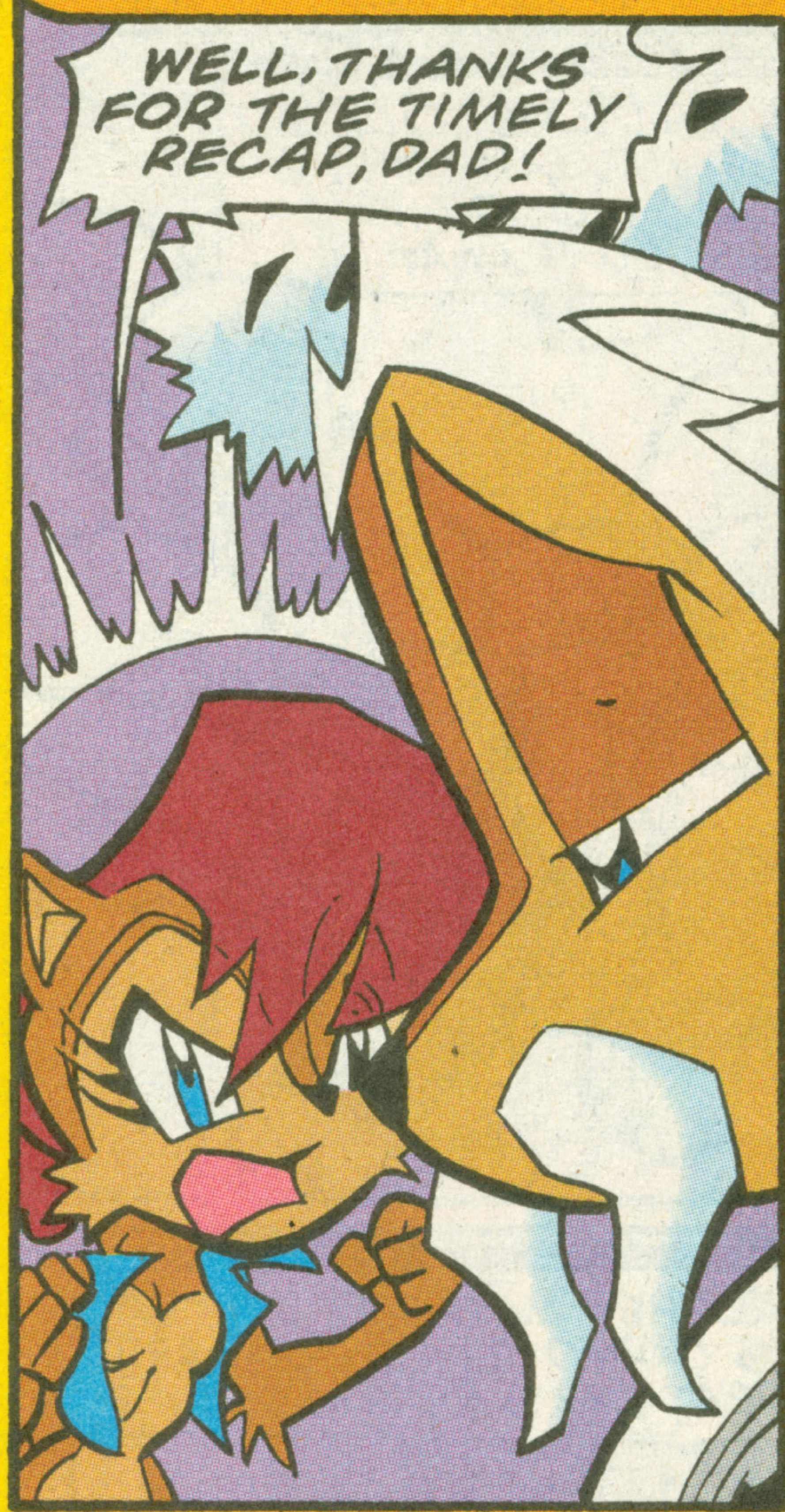


"QUACK AND HIS MEDICAL TEAM INJECTED IT INTO YOUR MOTHER'S SYSTEM..."

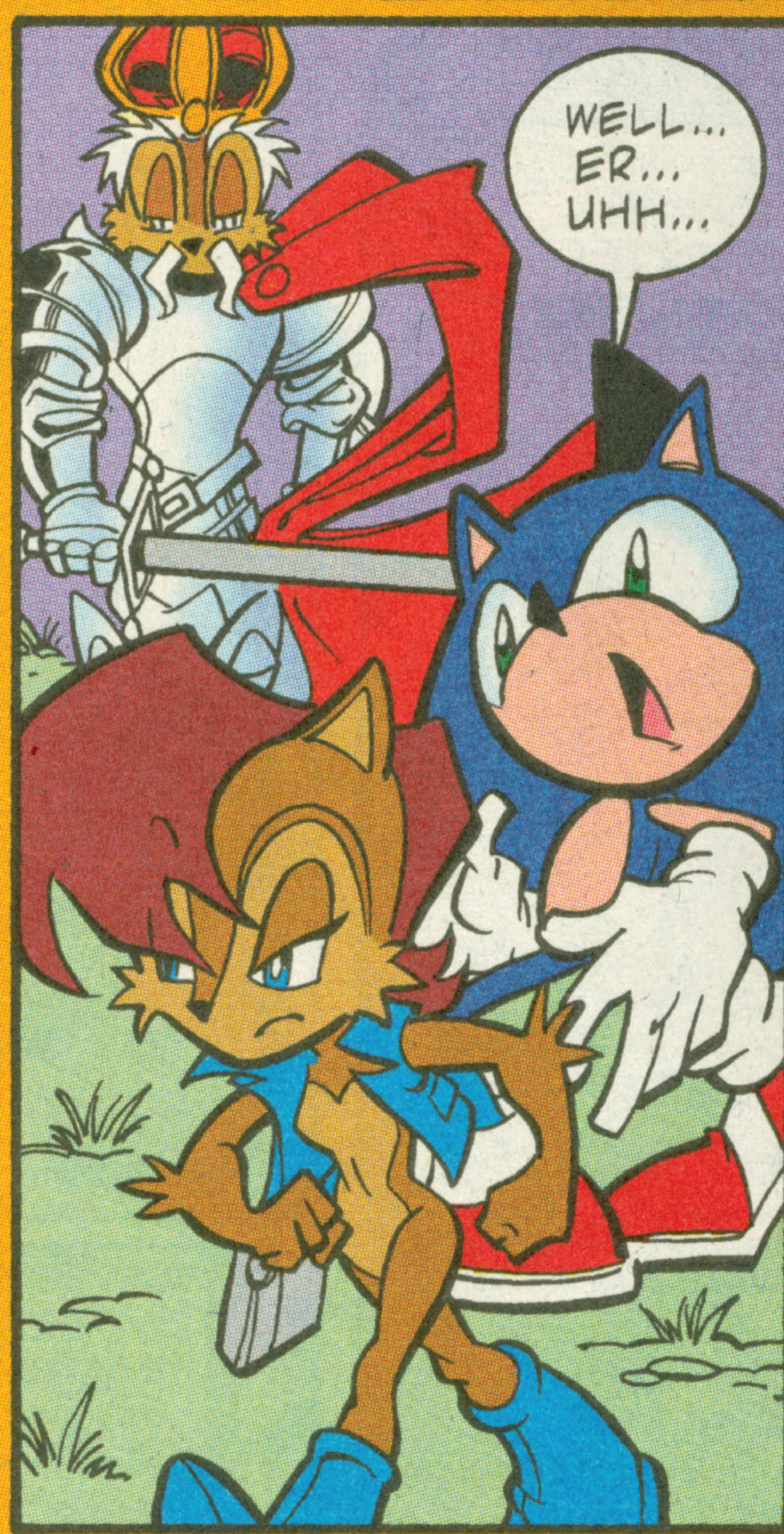
"...AND NOW SHE'S UNDERGOING INTENSIVE SURGERY."



WELL, THANKS FOR THE TIMELY RECAP, DAD!

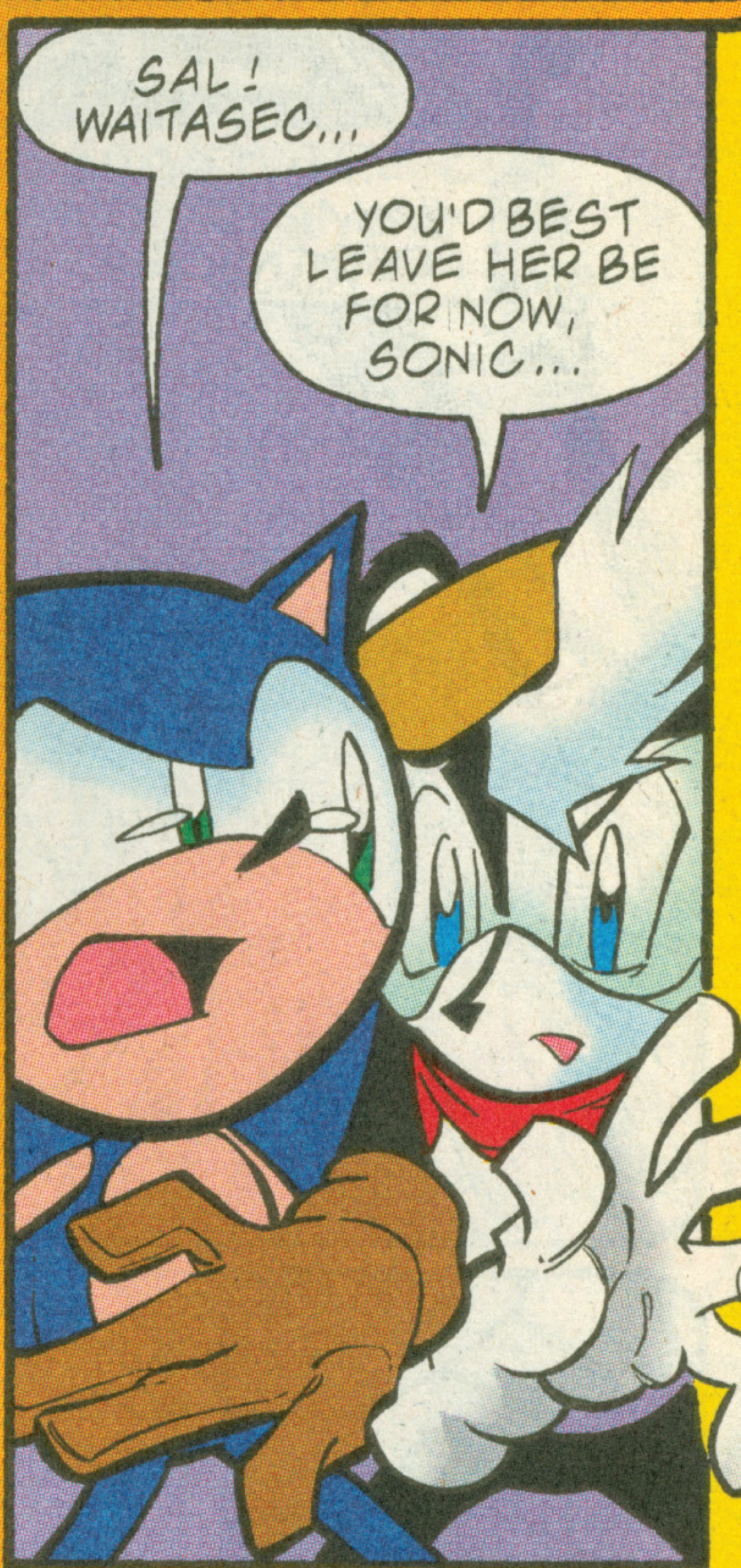


WELL... ER... UHH...



SAL! WAITASEC...

YOU'D BEST LEAVE HER BE FOR NOW, SONIC...

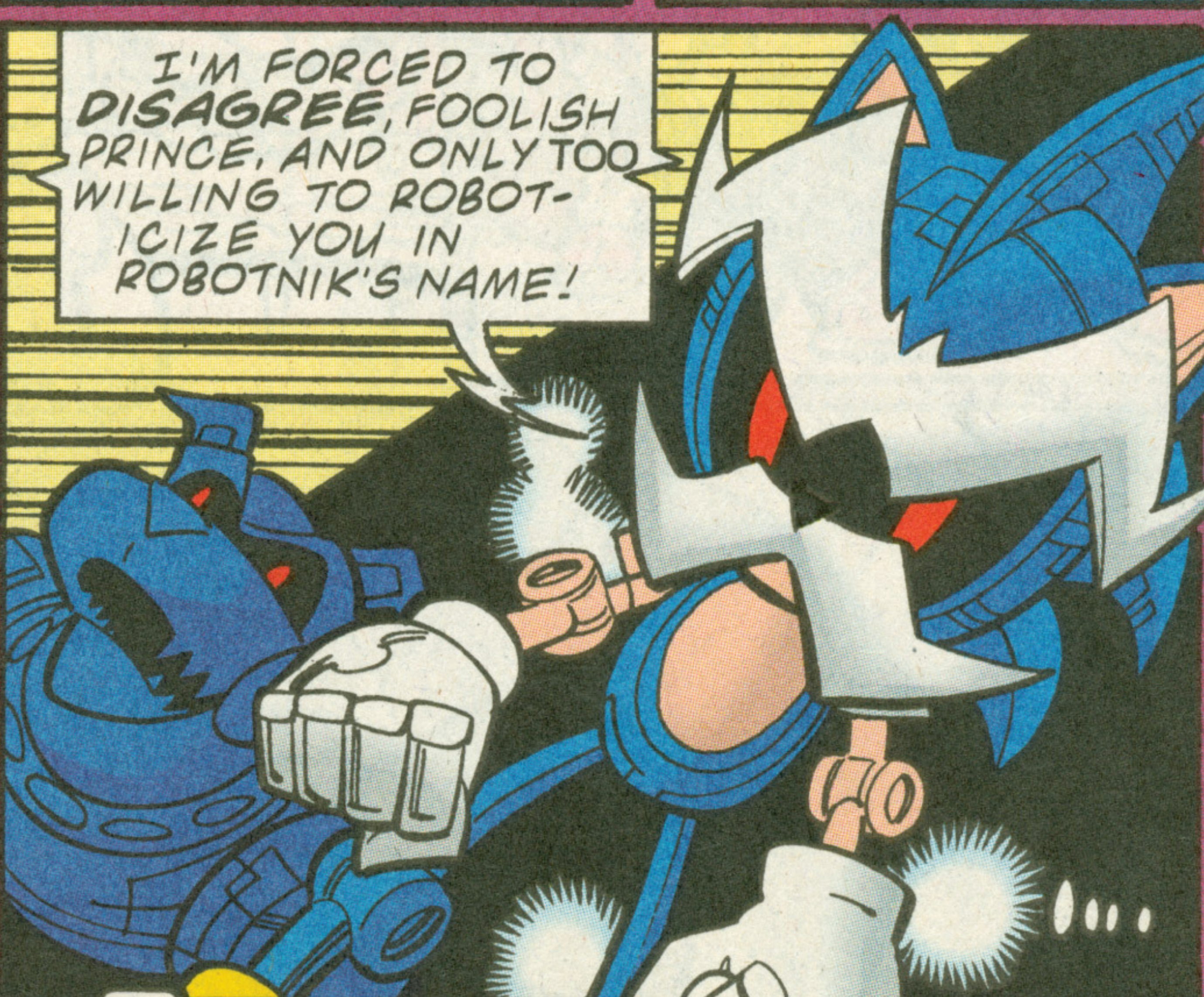
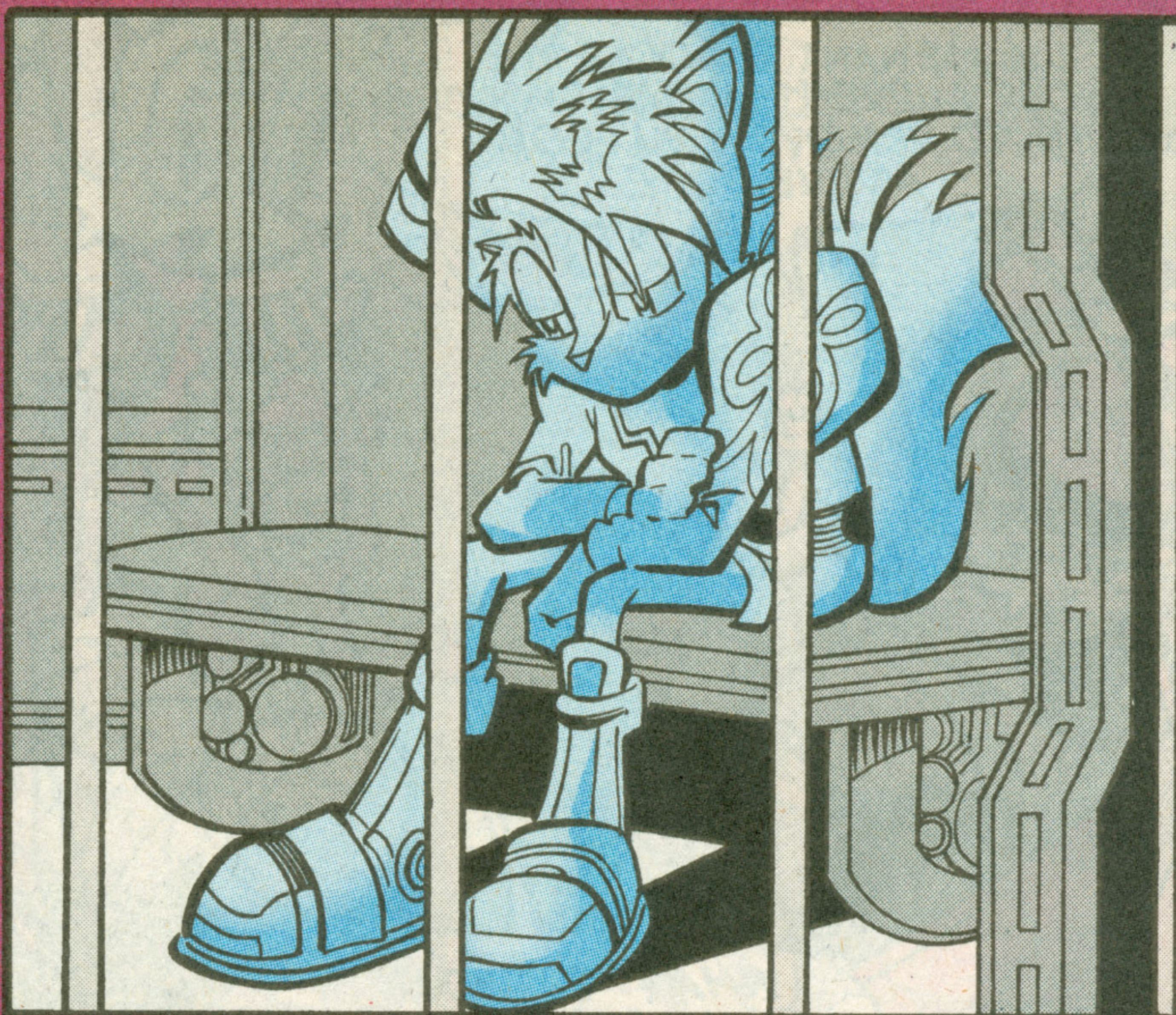


...THE SECRET SERVICE AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP ON THIS MISSION!

UHH... SURE THING, ST. JOHN...



ROBOTROPOLIS...



KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...

LIEUTENANT D'COOLETTE,
YOUR CURRENT INJURY FORCES
ME TO REMOVE YOU FROM
ACTIVE DUTY.

WHA?! BUT YOUR
HEINY--SURELY MY AB-
SENCE WILL JEOPARDIZE
ZEE MISSION'S SUCCESS,
NON?!

DON'T WORRY,
ANTOINE--I'LL SIT THIS
ONE OUT WITH YA!

IT'S GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, SON!

IT'S GOOD
TO BE BACK!
DAD--HOPE
YOU AND MOM
DIDN'T MISS
ME TOO MUCH!

THE PAST
WEEK FELT
LIKE SIX
MONTHS!

WORD
TO SONIC'S
MOTHER...

ARE YOU
AND TAILS
READY
SONIC?

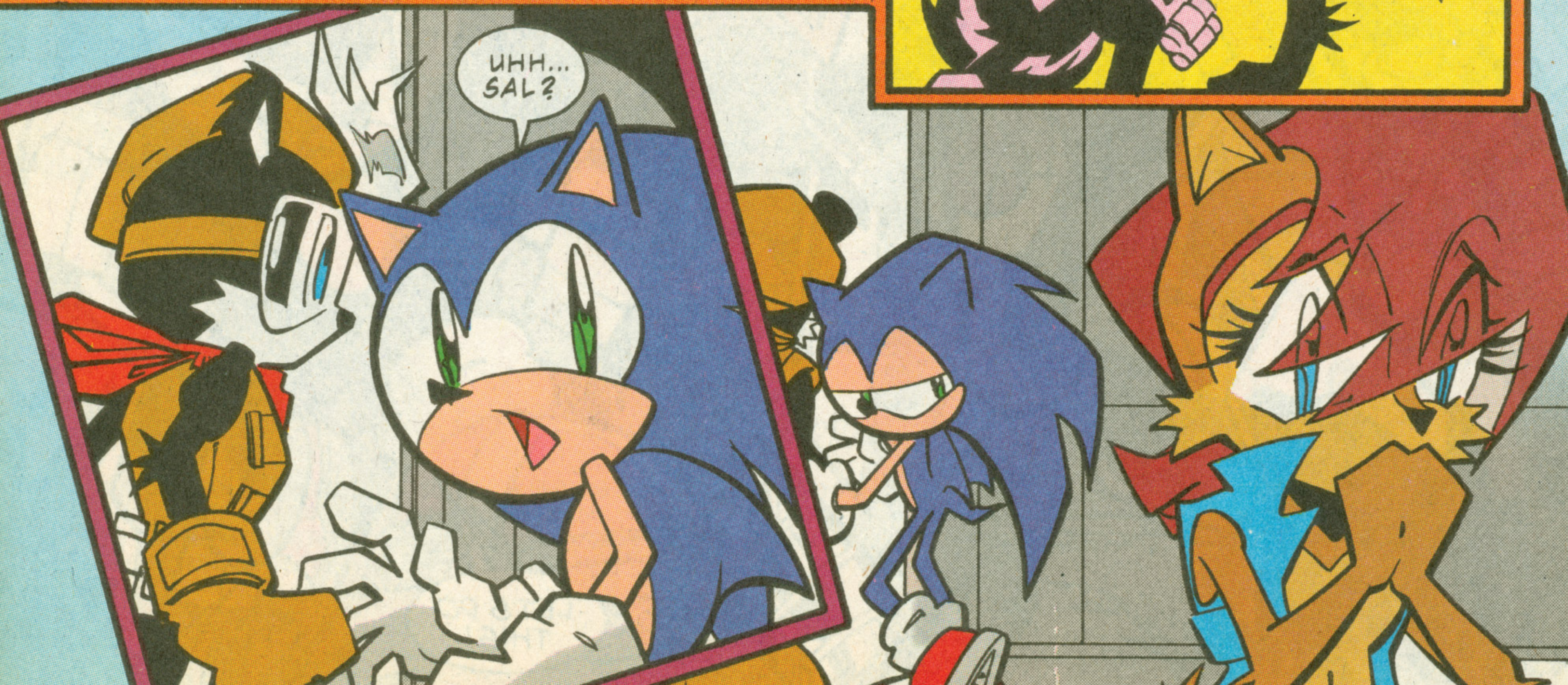
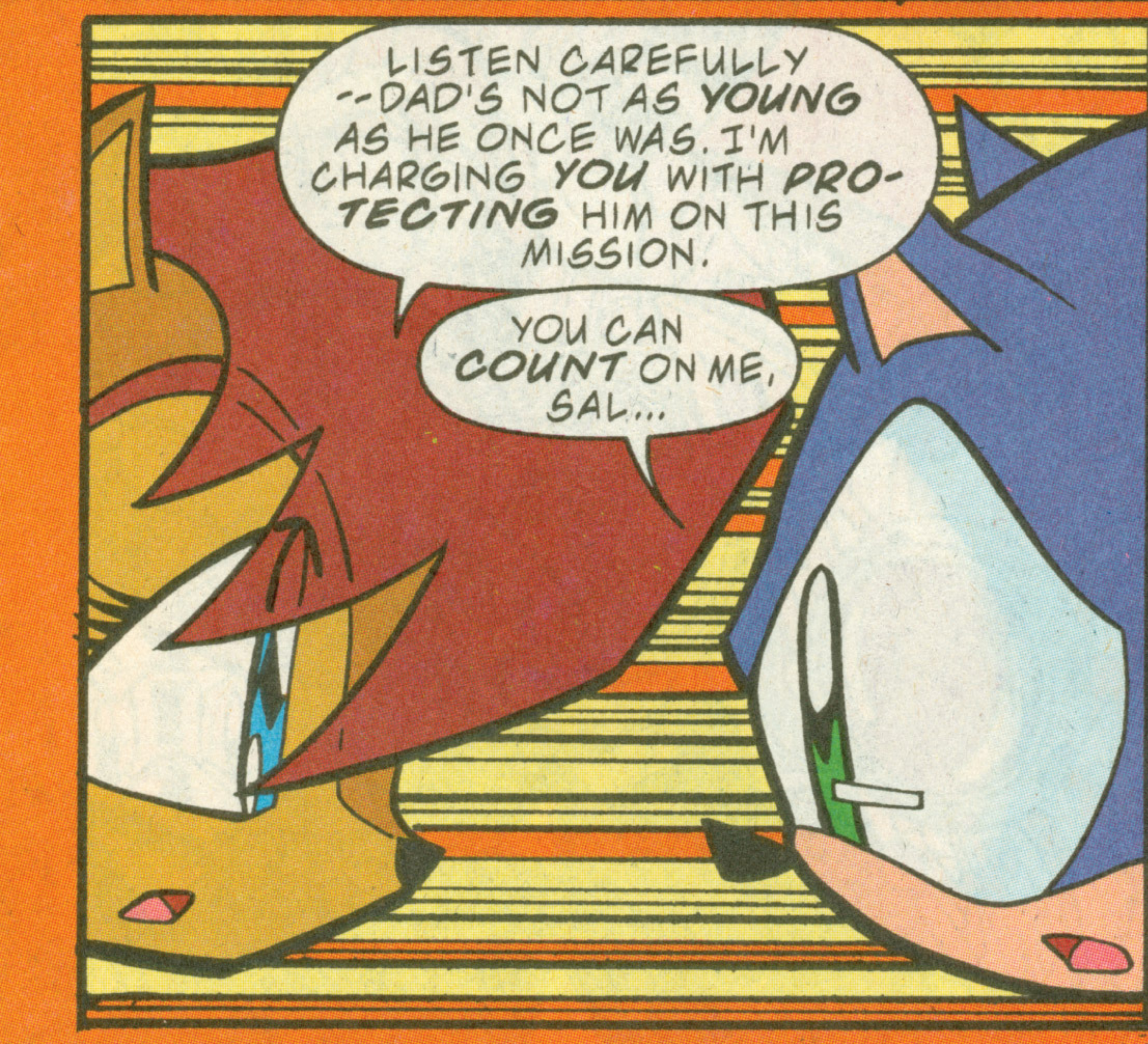
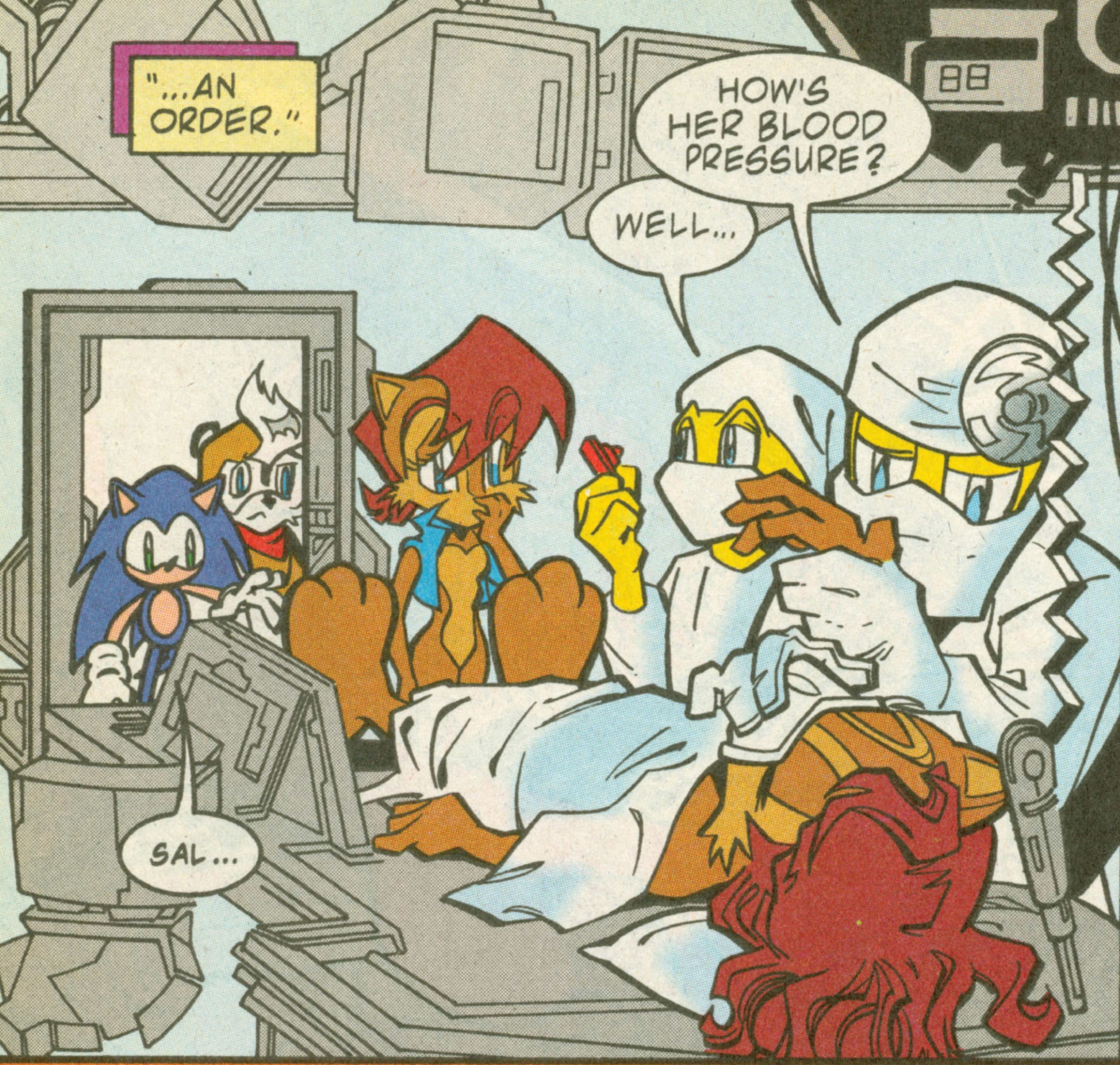
EVER
READY.
LET'S
BOOGIE.

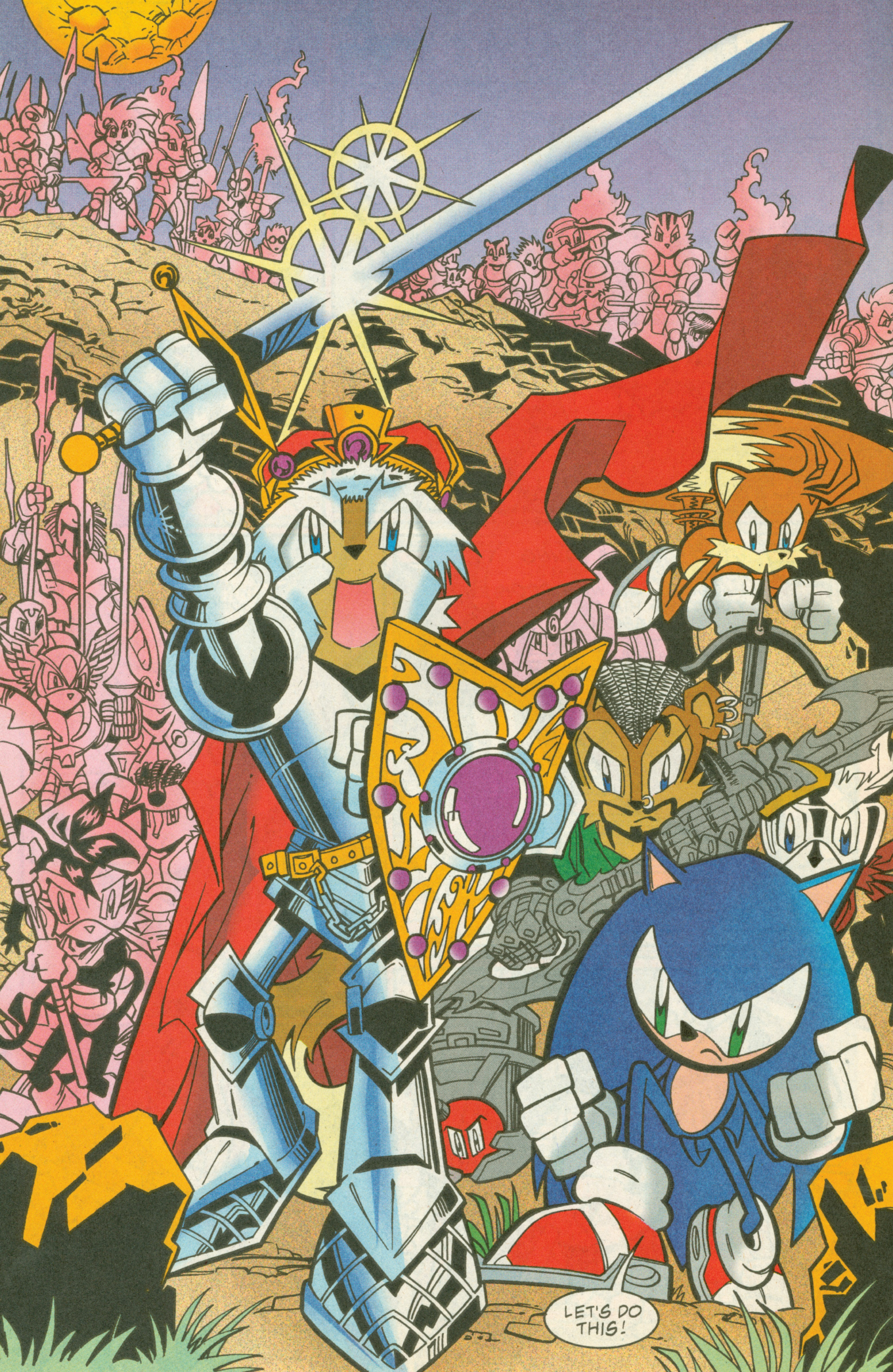
SONIC! GEOFFREY!
PRINCESS SALLY'S IN
THE MED-LAB AND SHE
WANTS TO SEE YOU
BOTH!

NO
PROBL--

ACTUALLY,
AMY ROSE,
WE'RE SET TO
RENDEZVOUS
WITH THE KING
IN MERE
MINUTES.

IT'S NOT
EXACTLY A
REQUEST. IT'S
MORE ALONG
THE LINES
OF...





LET'S DO THIS!

family matters

chapter two

ROBOTNIK'S
HQ'S DEAD AHEAD,
SONIC!

YOU AND
BOMB KNOW
WHAT TO DO
NEXT,
TAILS!

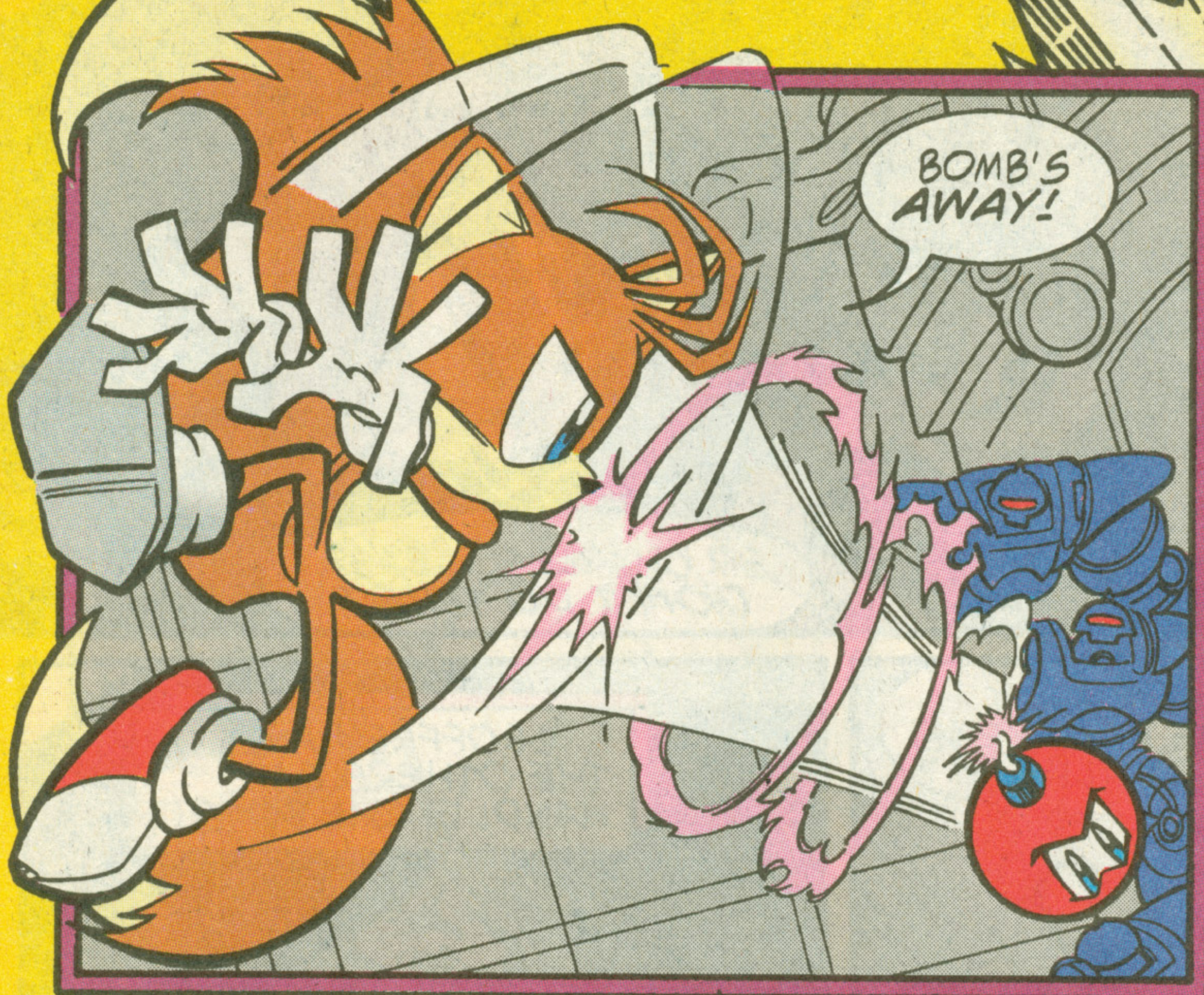
THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

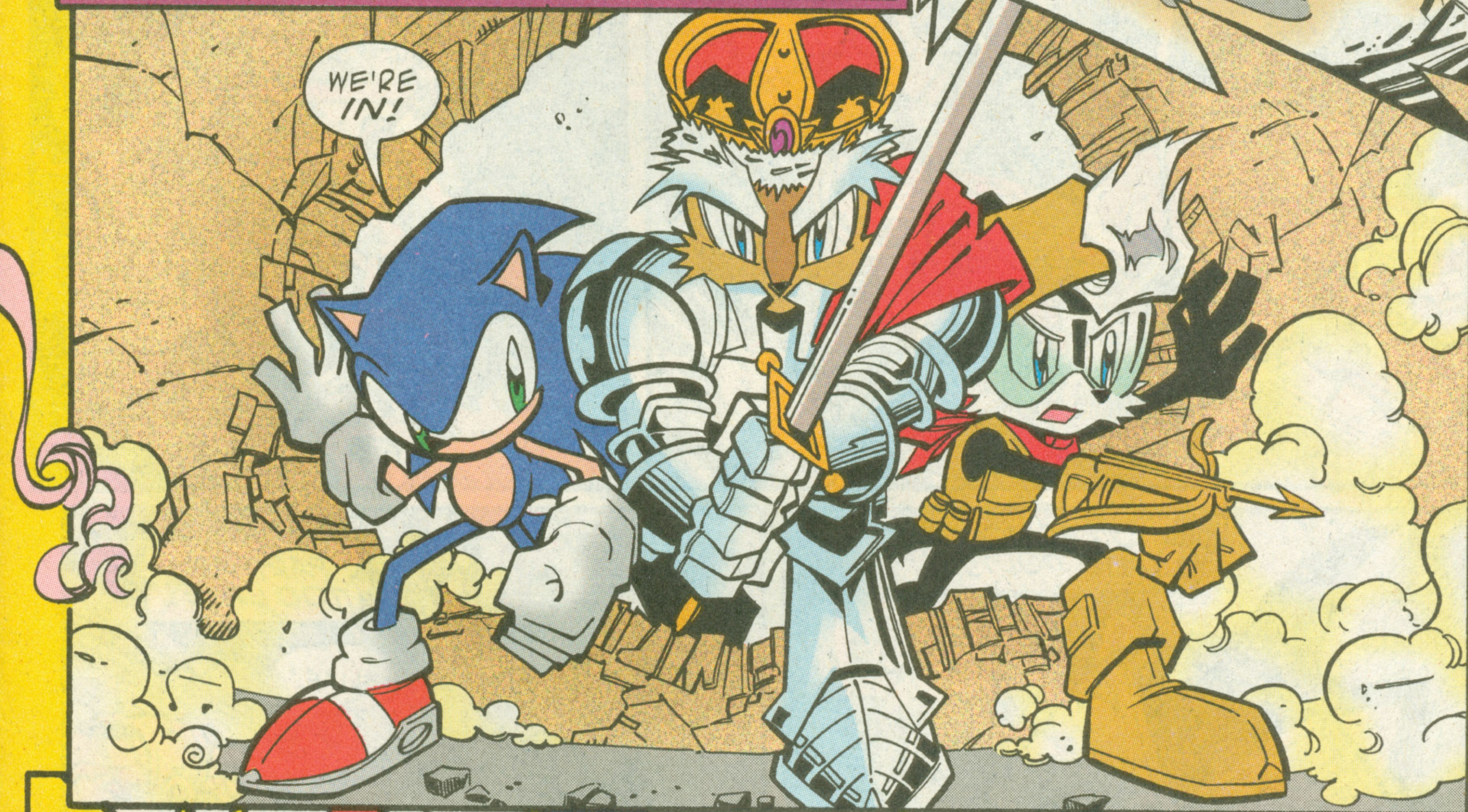
WHAT'S THAT
COMMOTION?!

GRRR

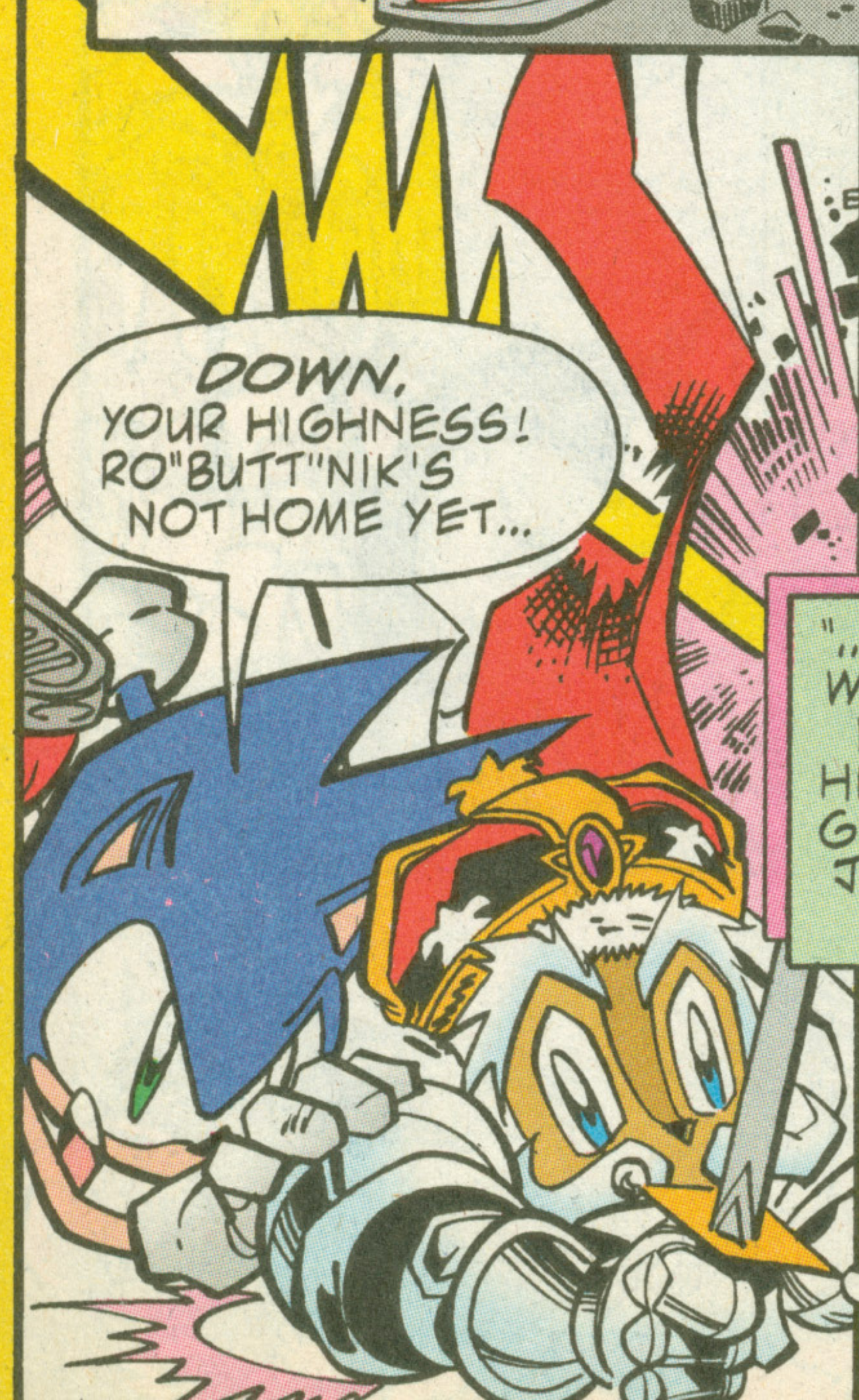


BOMB'S AWAY!

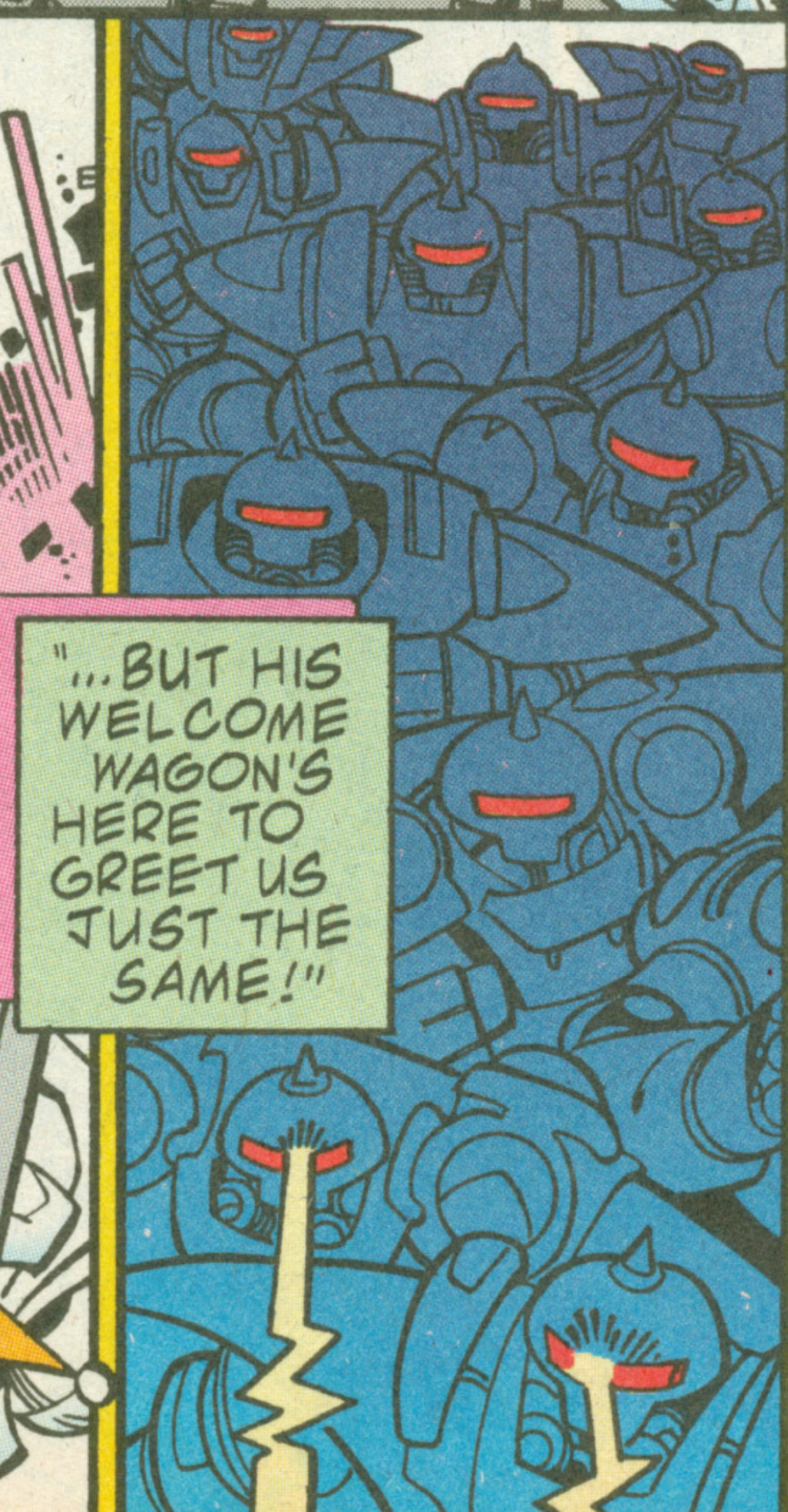
SH BOOM



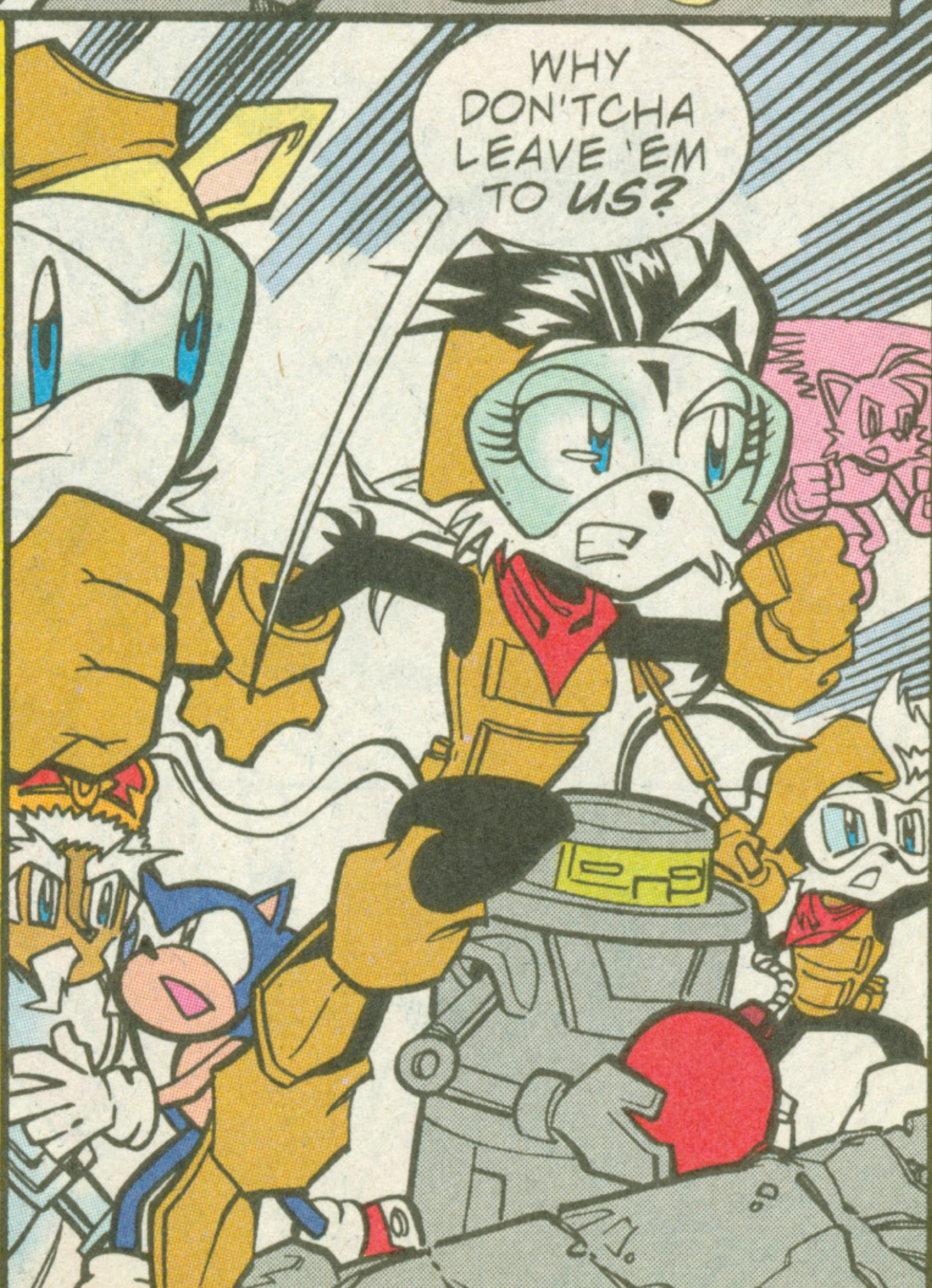
WE'RE IN!



DOWN,
YOUR HIGHNESS!
RO'BUTT'NIK'S
NOT HOME YET...



"...BUT HIS
WELCOME
WAGON'S
HERE TO
GREET US
JUST THE
SAME!"



WHY
DON'TCHA
LEAVE 'EM
TO US?

THERE'S BEEN
A SERIOUS BREACH
IN SECURITY!

SHADOW-BOTS
--TOSS HIM INTO
THE ROBOTICIZER!

SIR CHARLES, PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS!

BECAUSE WE...
UH...SHOULD...ER...
FIND ELIAS
INSTEAD...

SONIC--WHY WON'T
YOU LET ME PARTAKE IN
THE BATTLE?

"...GEOFFREY AND
THE OTHERS CAN
HANDLE THE BOTS!"

YOU'RE TOO
LATE, DOLTS!

UNCLE
CHUCK!

FAR, FAR
TOO LATE!

ELIAS!

OH
NO...

KNOTHOLE...

PRINCESS SALLY,
I AM REQUESTING A
LEAVING OF ZEE
ABSENCE TO RE-
CUPERATE.

WHERE
ARE YOU **GOING**,
ANTOINE?

ZEE KINGDOM OF
MERCIA. ZAT IS WHERE
BUNNIE AND I WILL CON-
FRONT MY **FATHER**, WHO
STILL LIVES...

...BUT HAS
BECOME ROBOTNEEK'S
ROBOTICIZED
SERVANT!

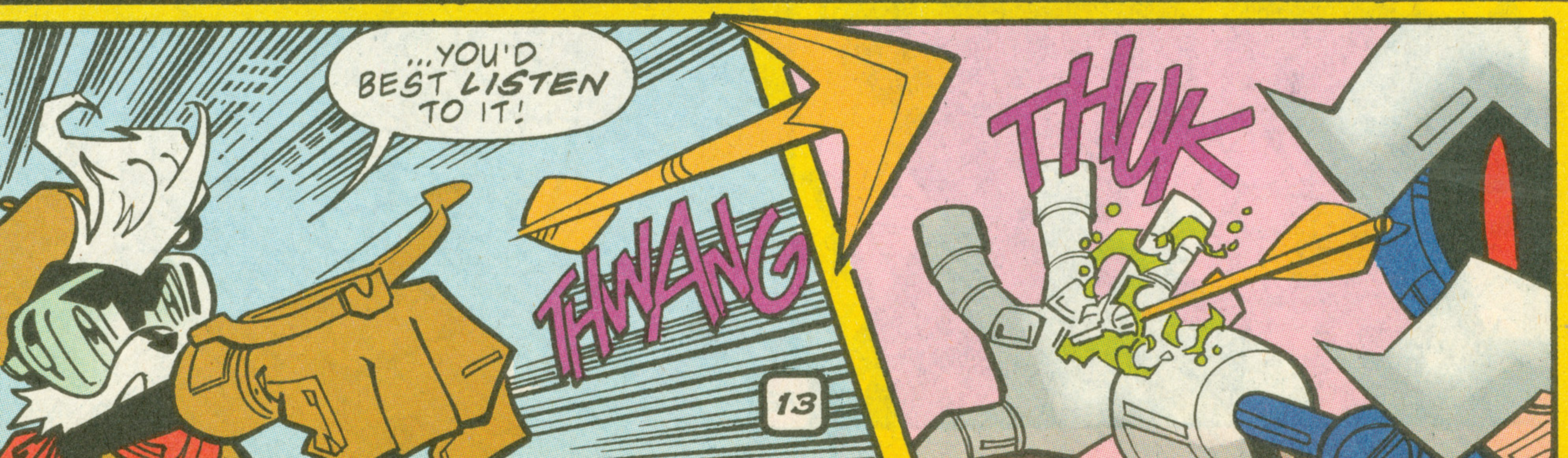
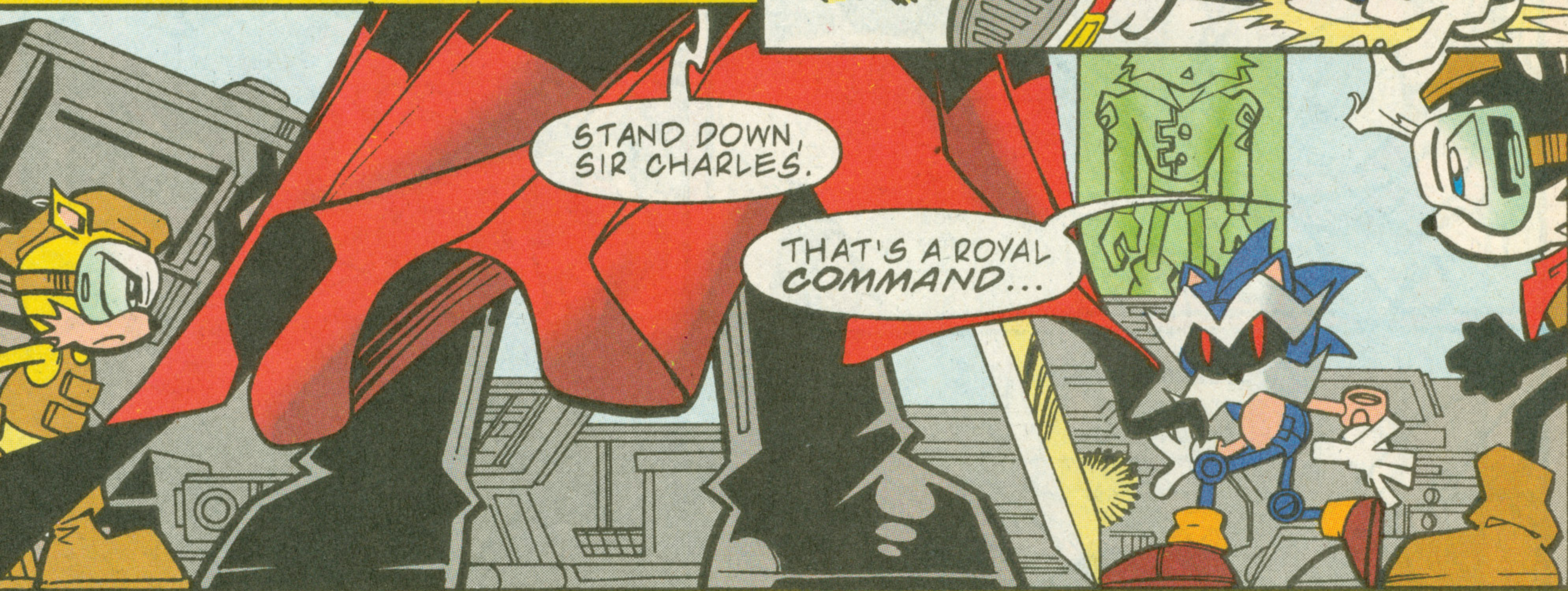
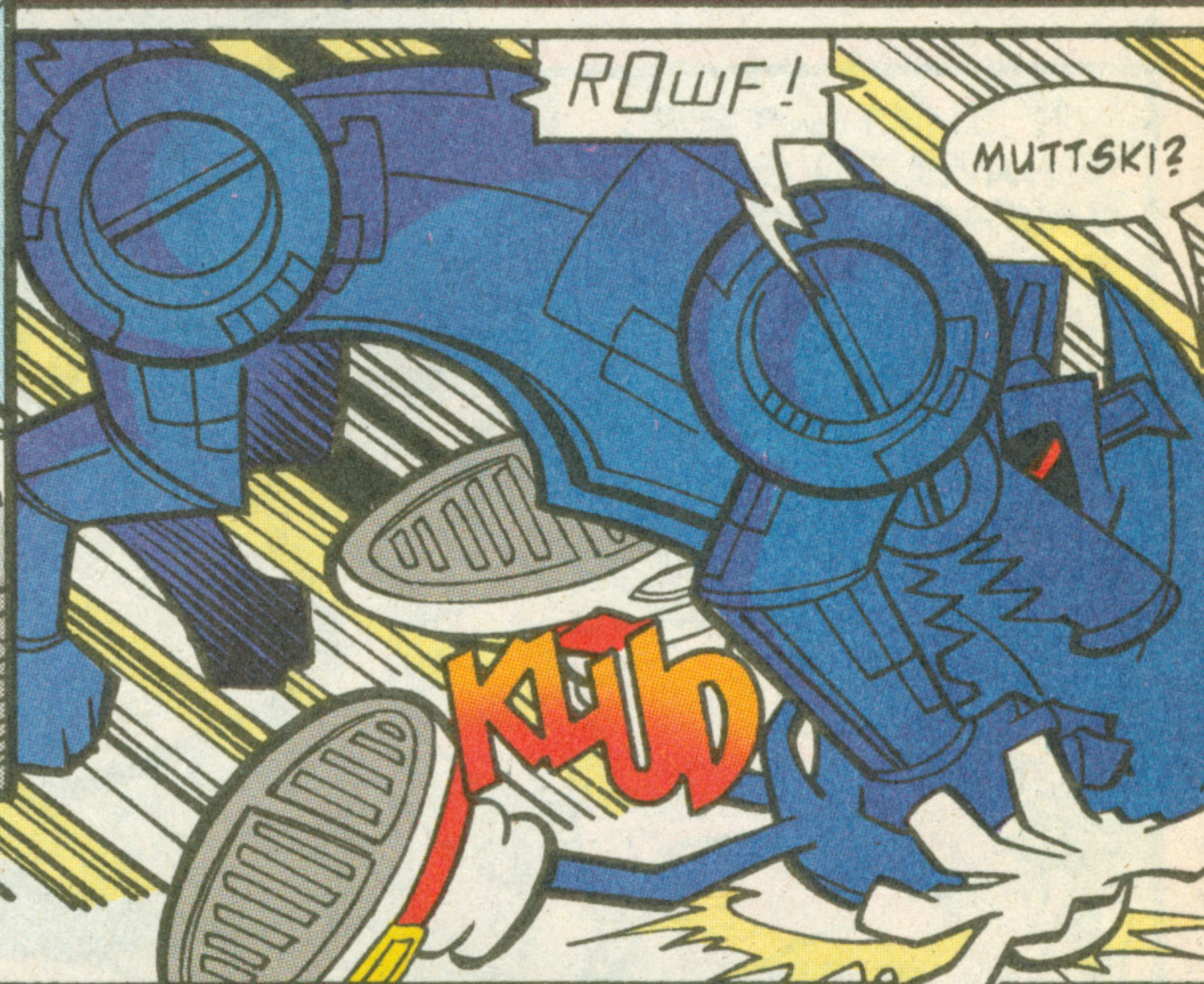
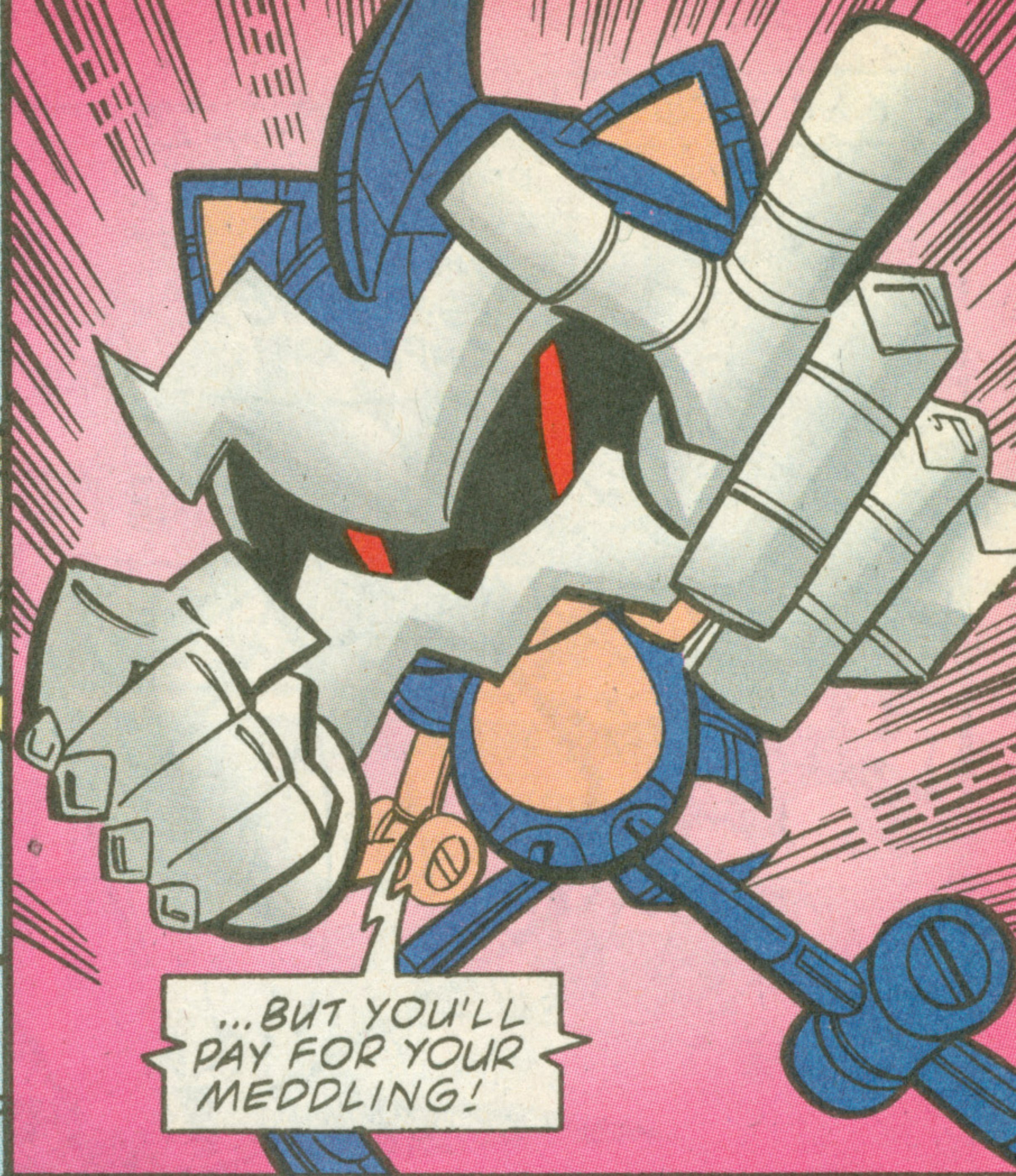
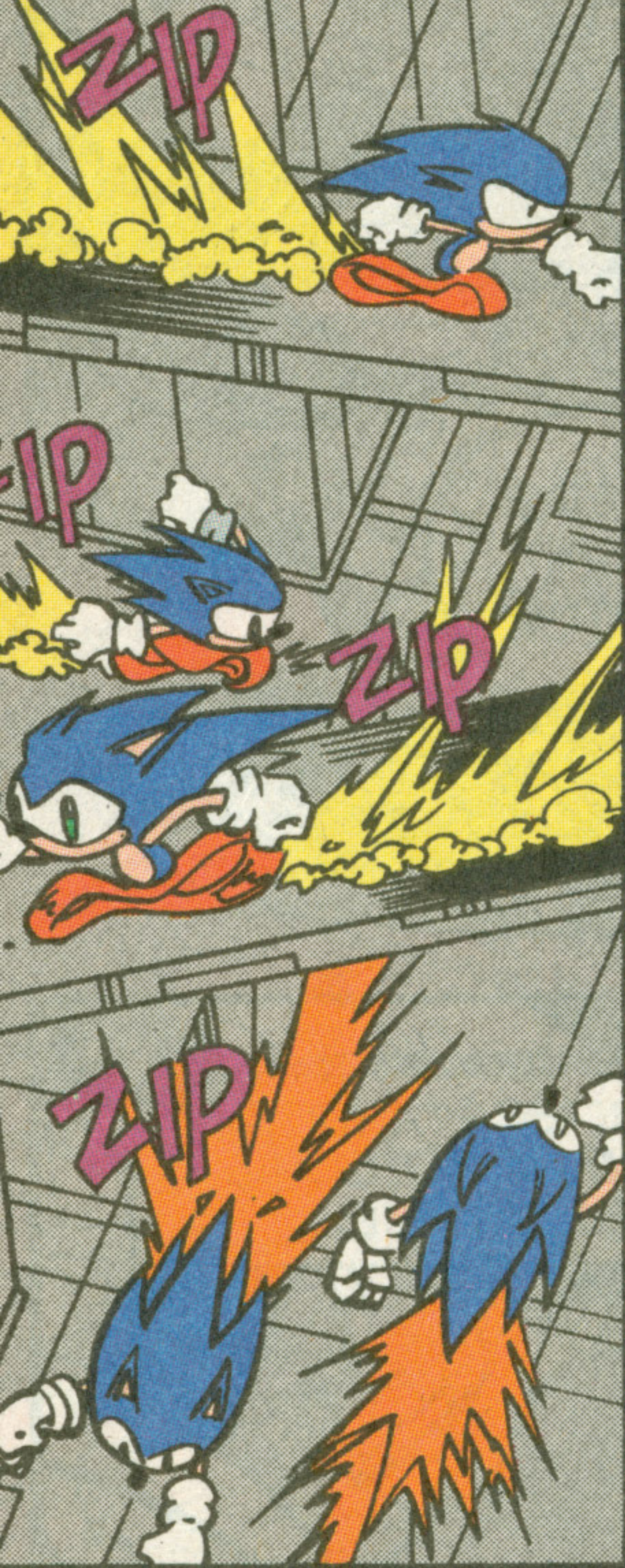
IF THAT'S TRUE,
I HAVE TO GO WITH
THEM--I WAS BORN
IN **MERCIA**, AND MY
COUSIN **ROB O'**
THE HEDGE
STILL LIVES THERE!

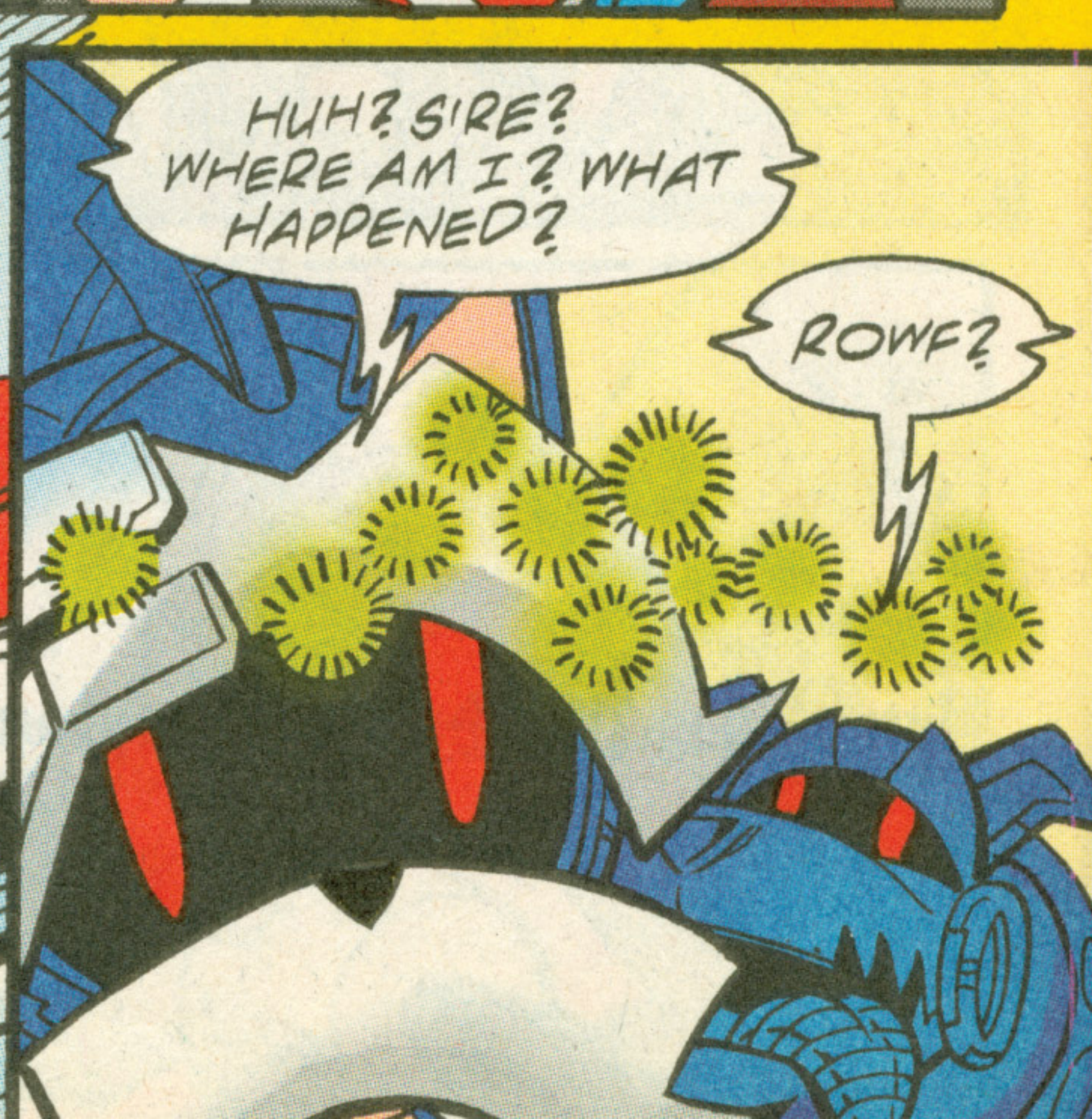
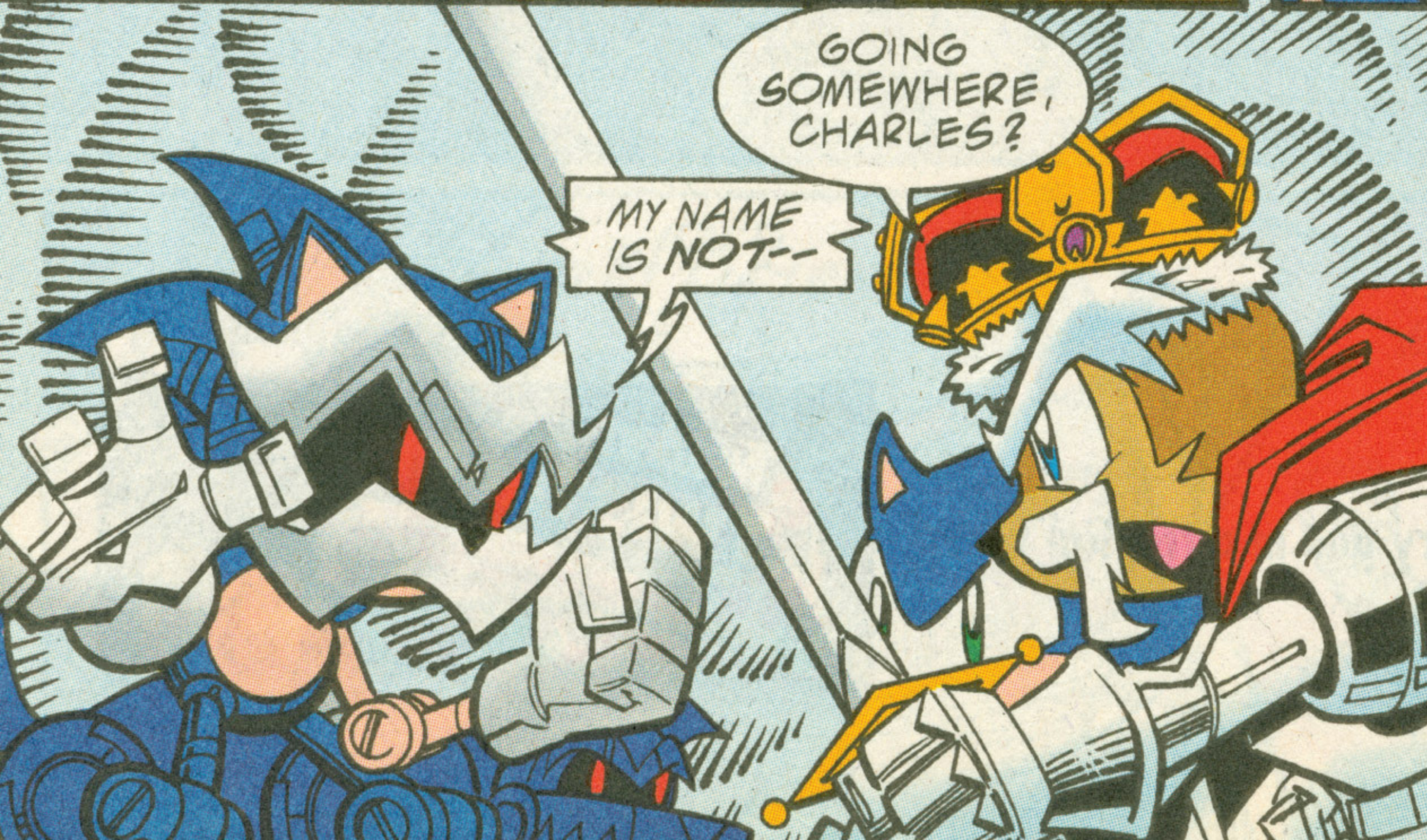
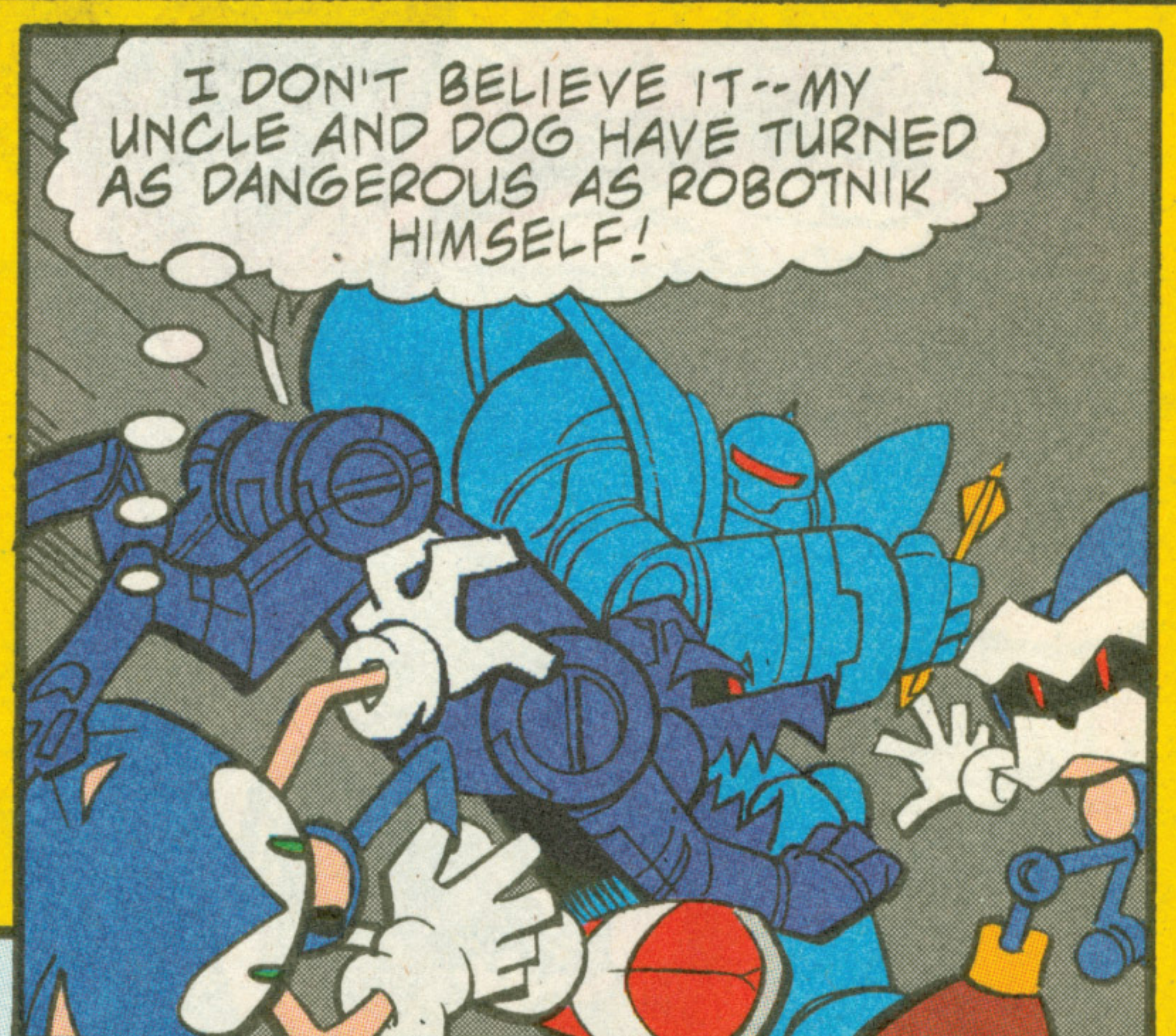
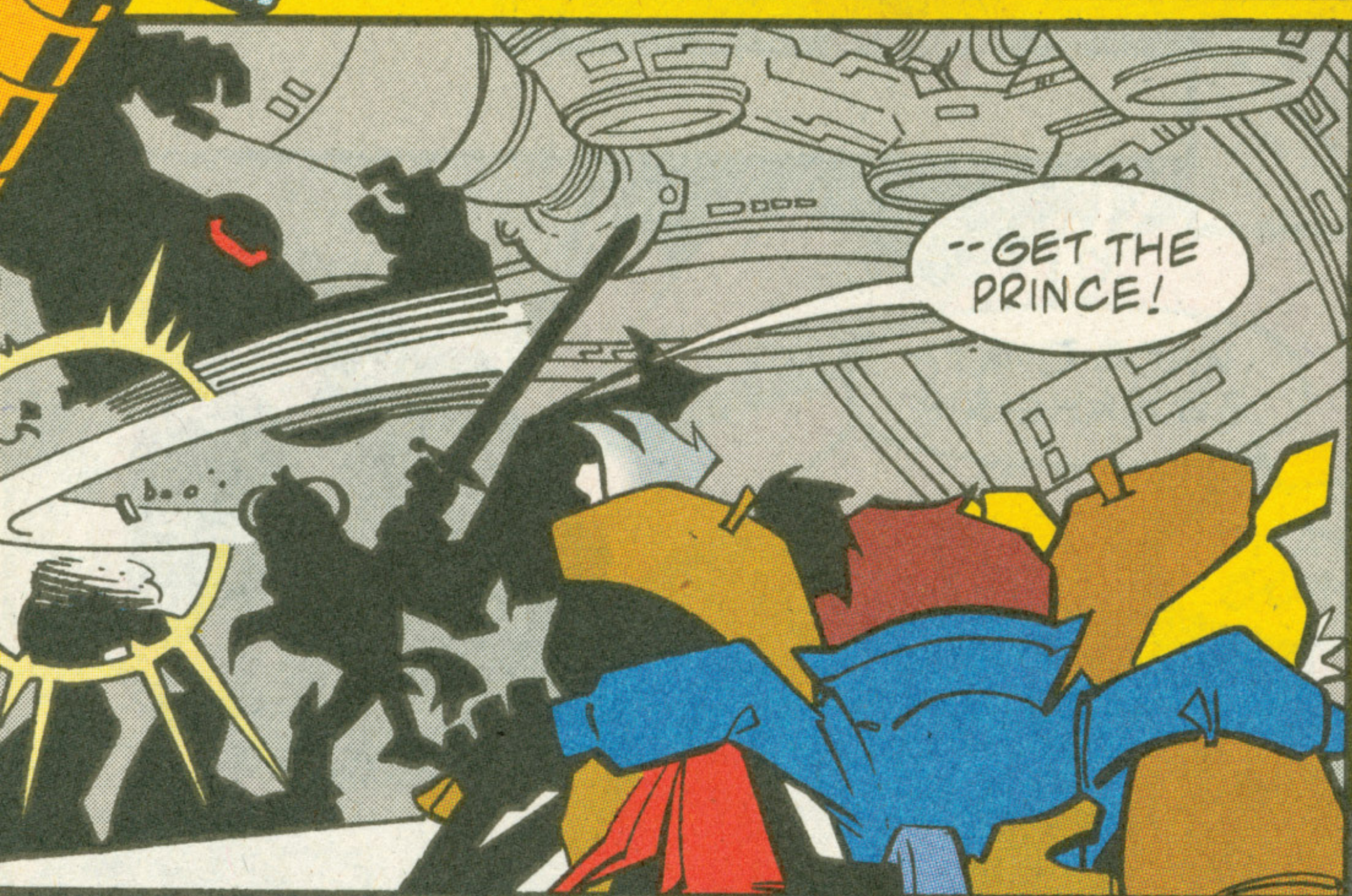
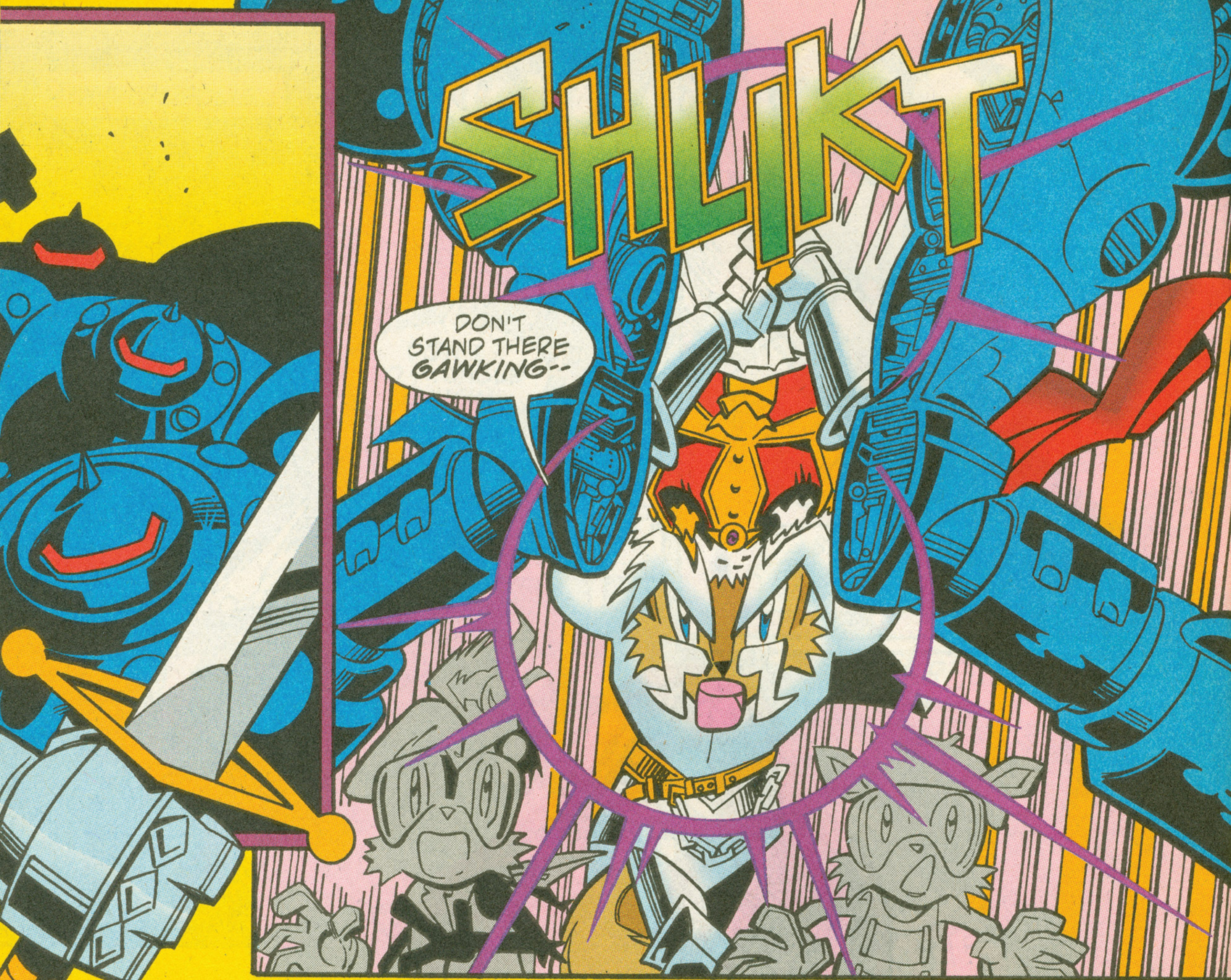
I'M NOT
CERTAIN
ABOUT **ANY**
OF THIS...

"...BUT I UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT **MEANS** TO ALL
OF YOU. GOOD-BYE..."

"...AND
GOOD LUCK..."

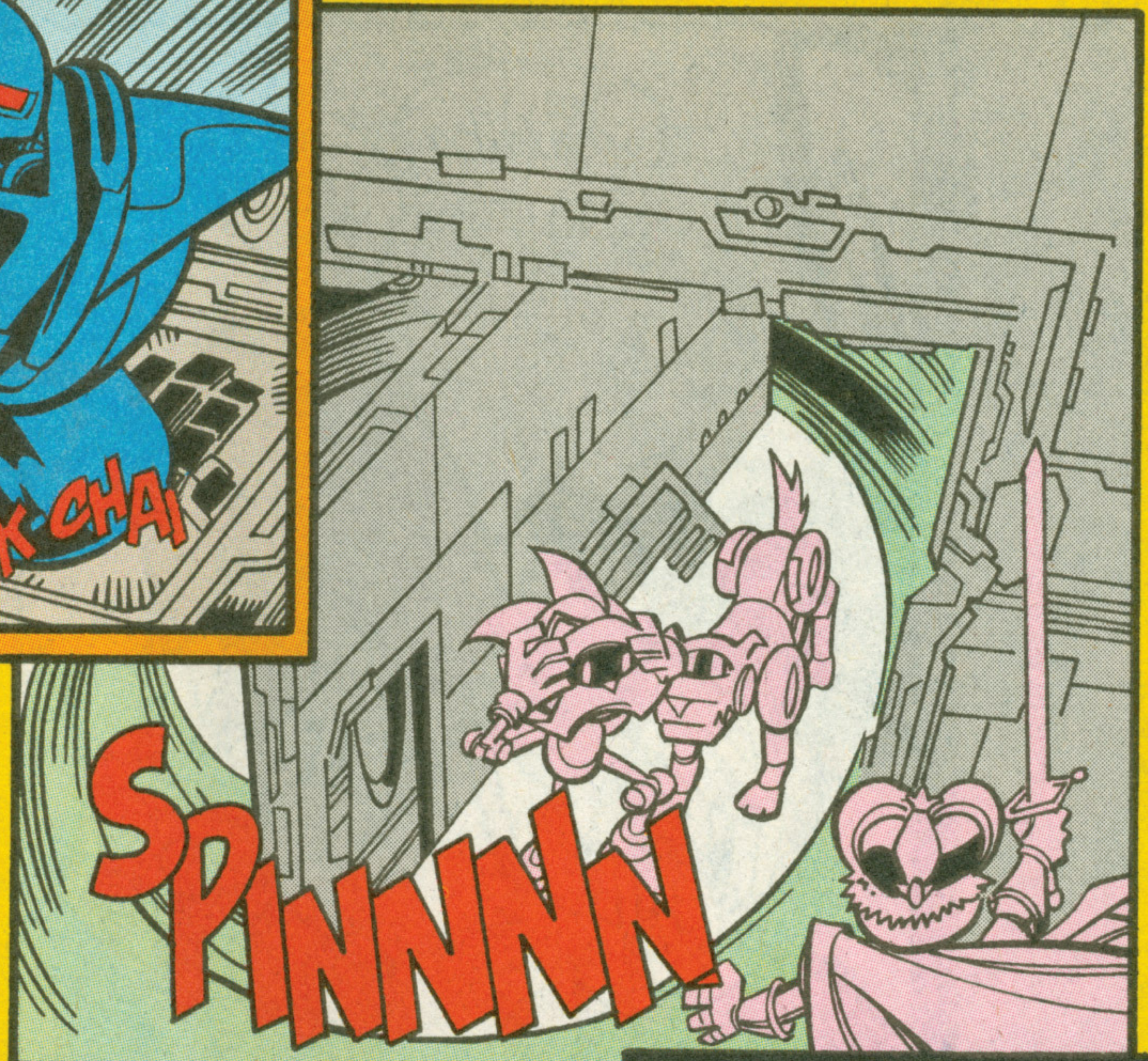
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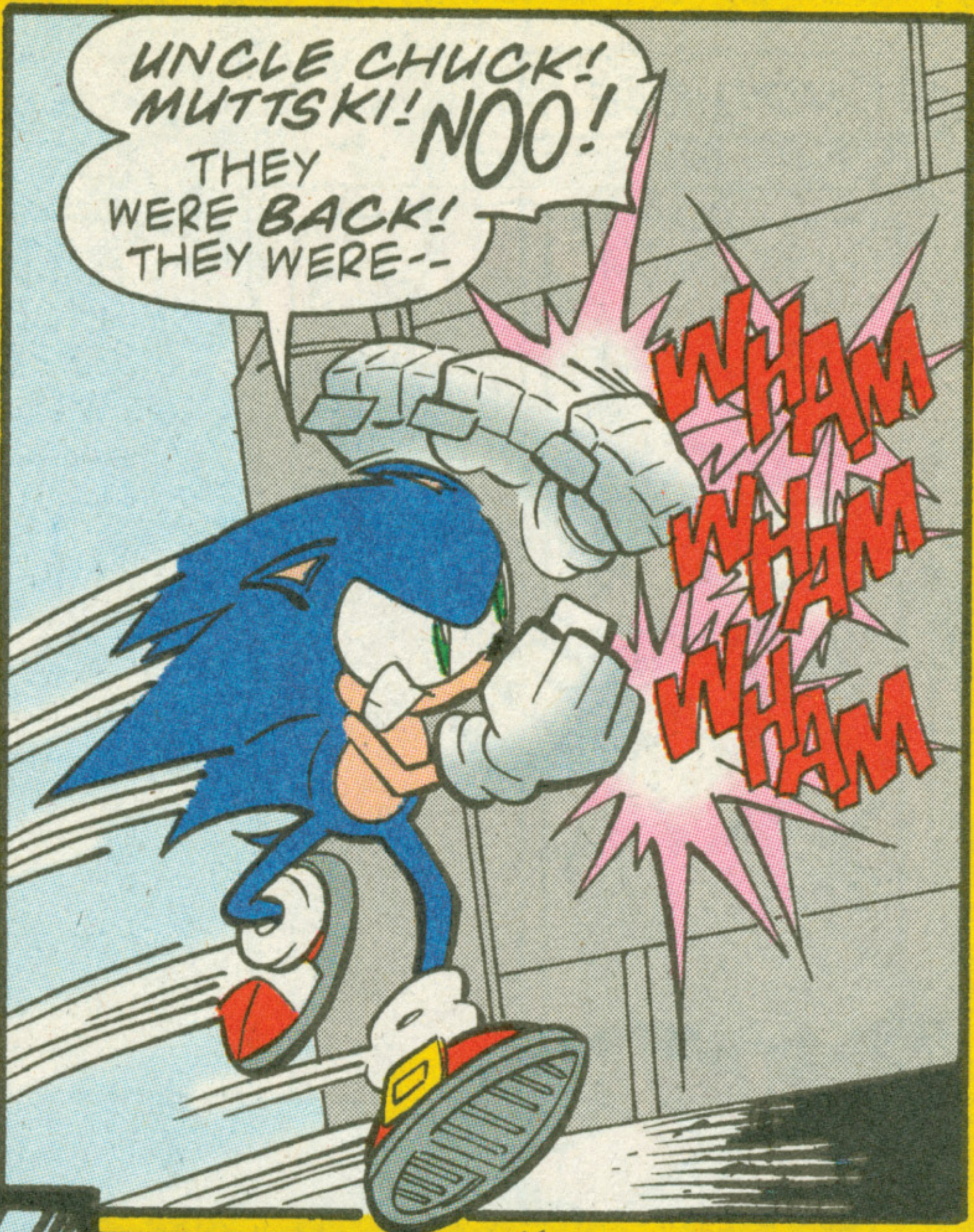




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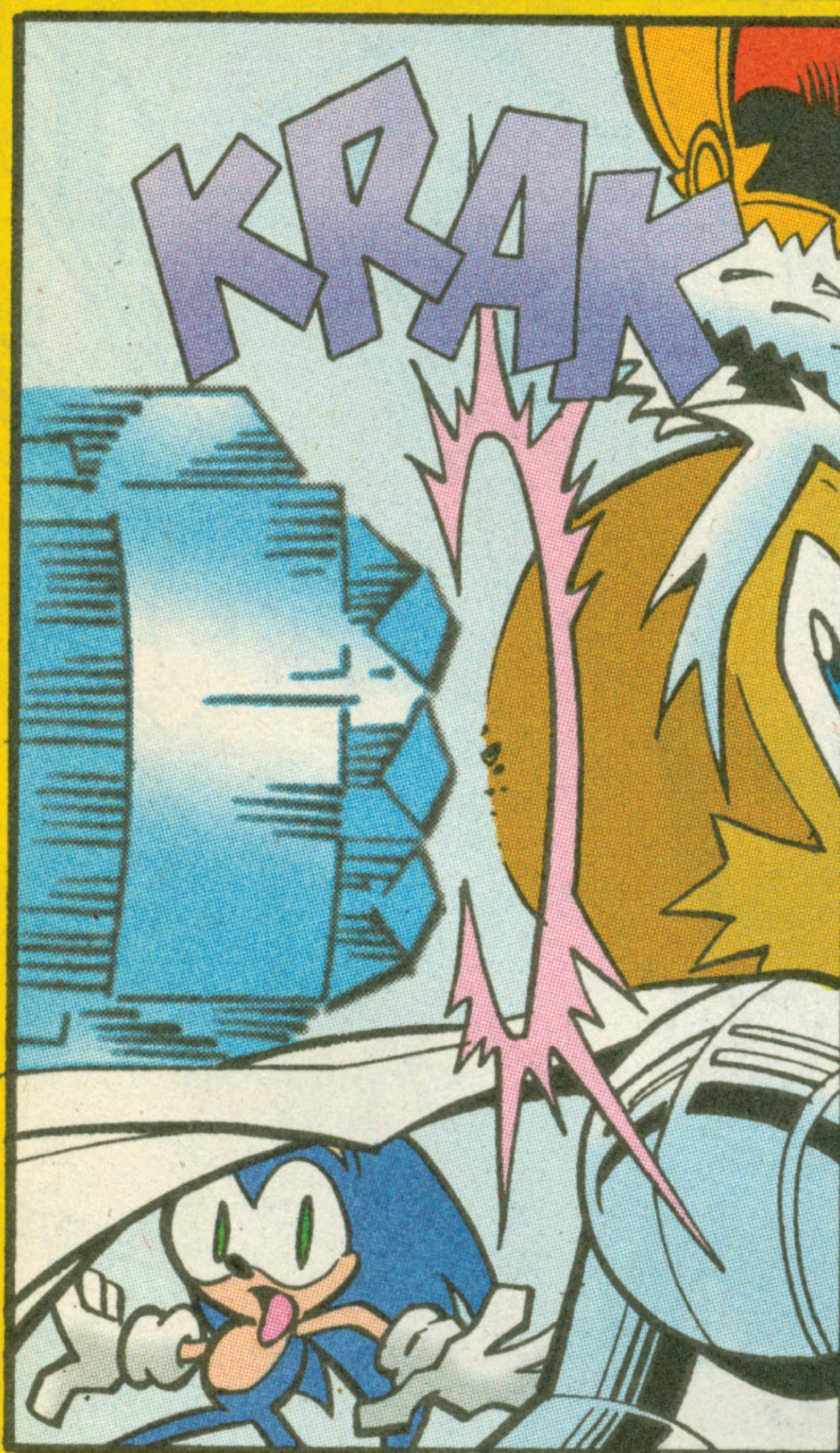


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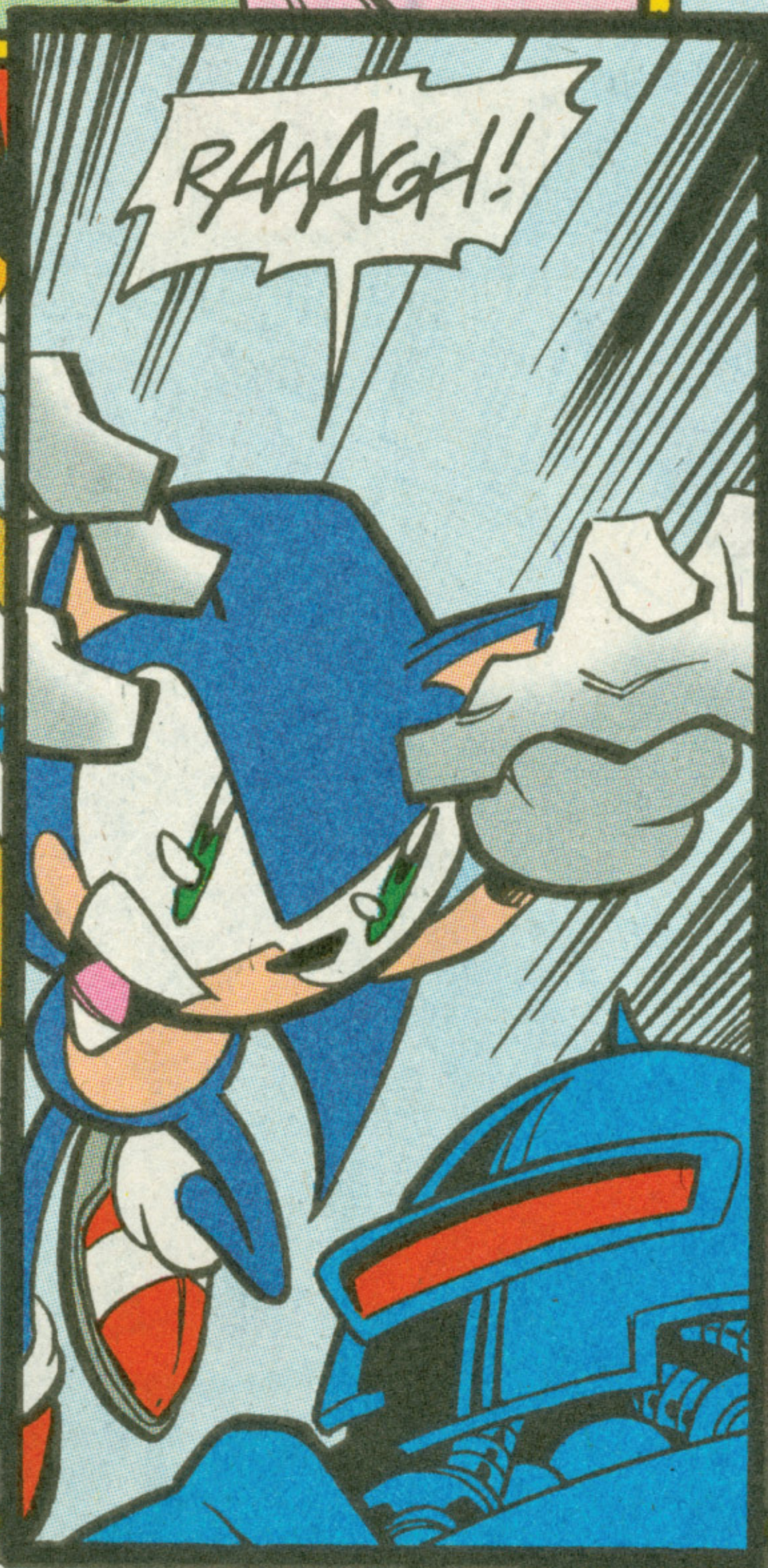


UNCLE CHUCK!
MUTTSKI! NOO!
THEY
WERE BACK!
THEY WERE--

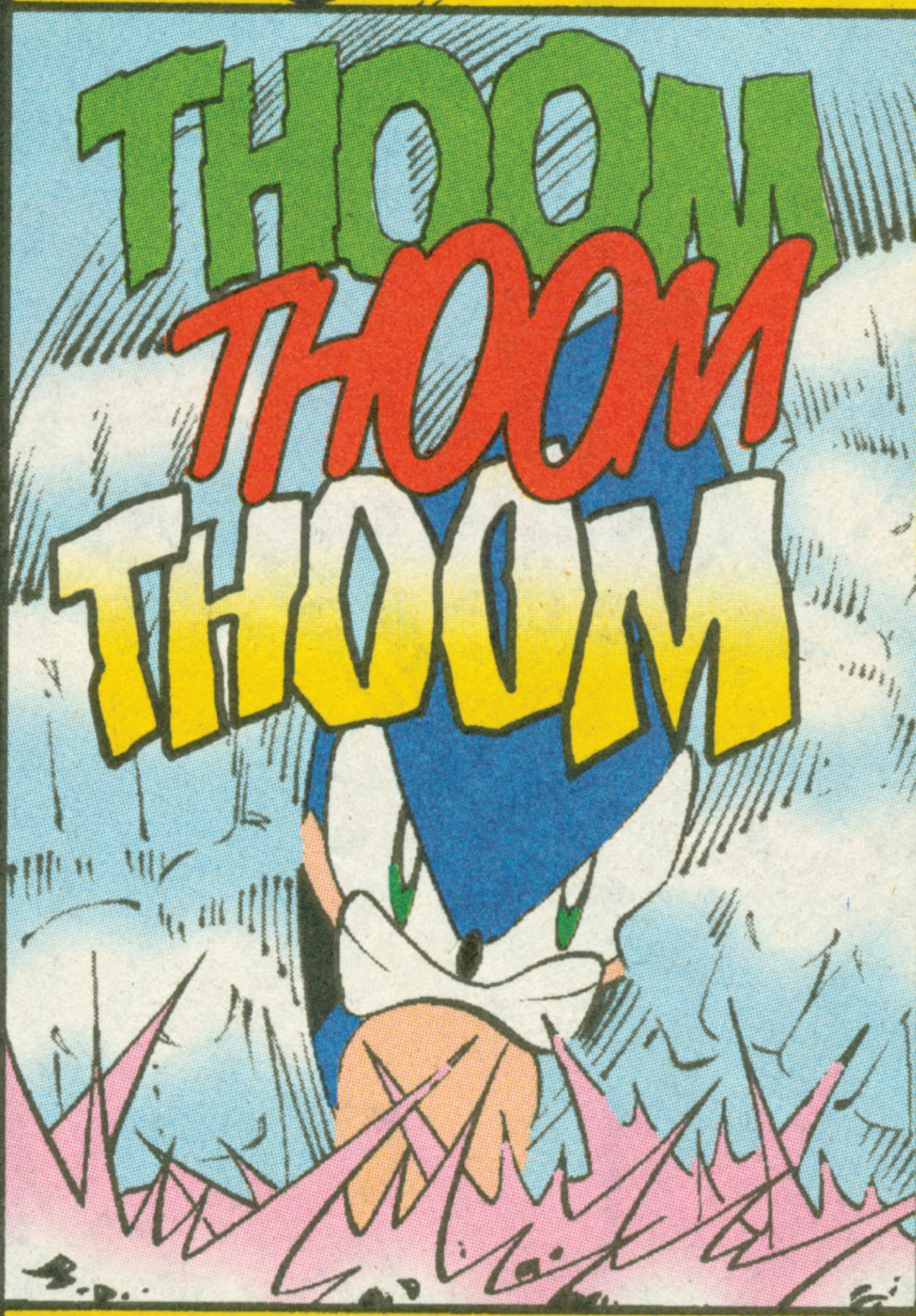
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM



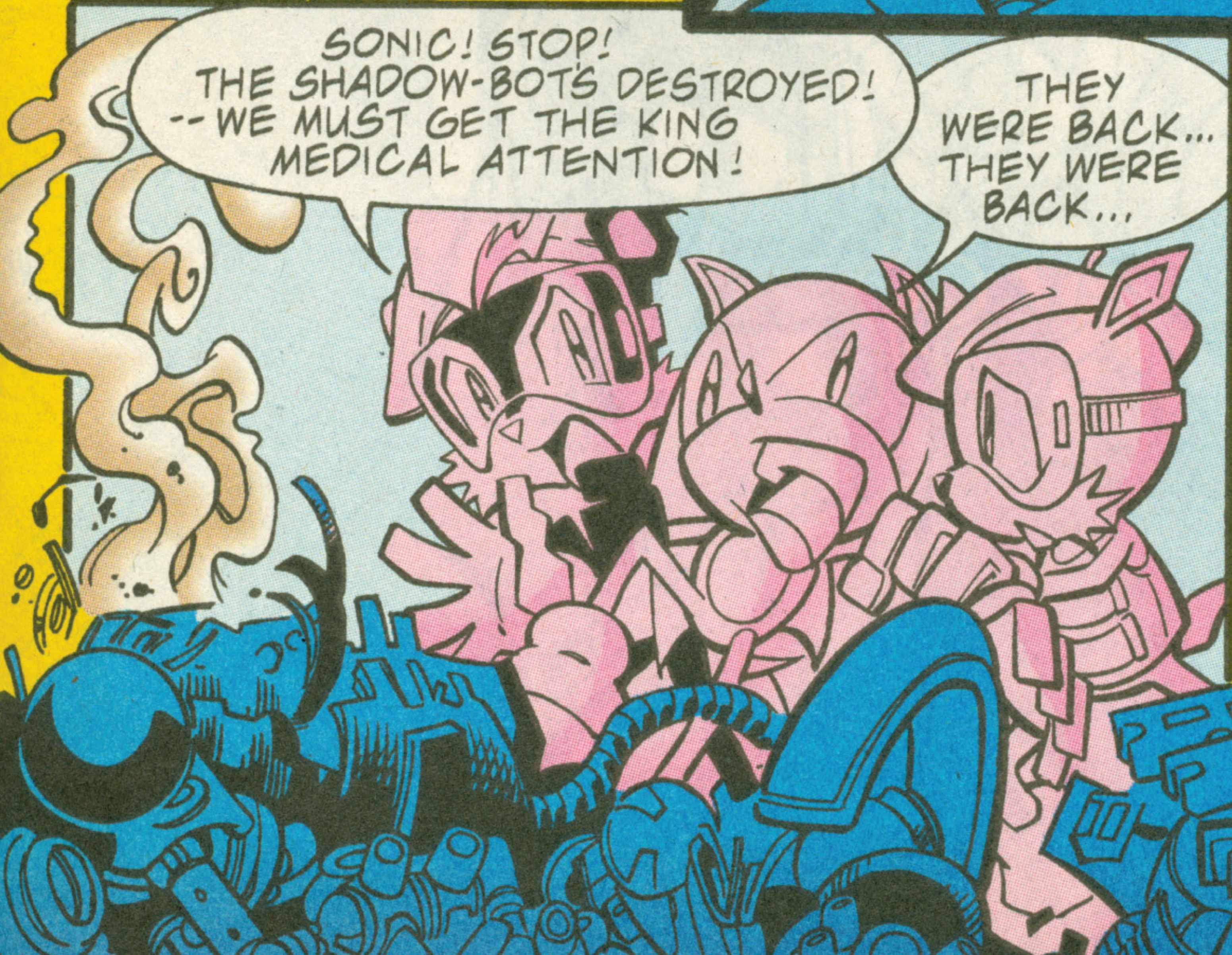
KRAK



RAAGH!

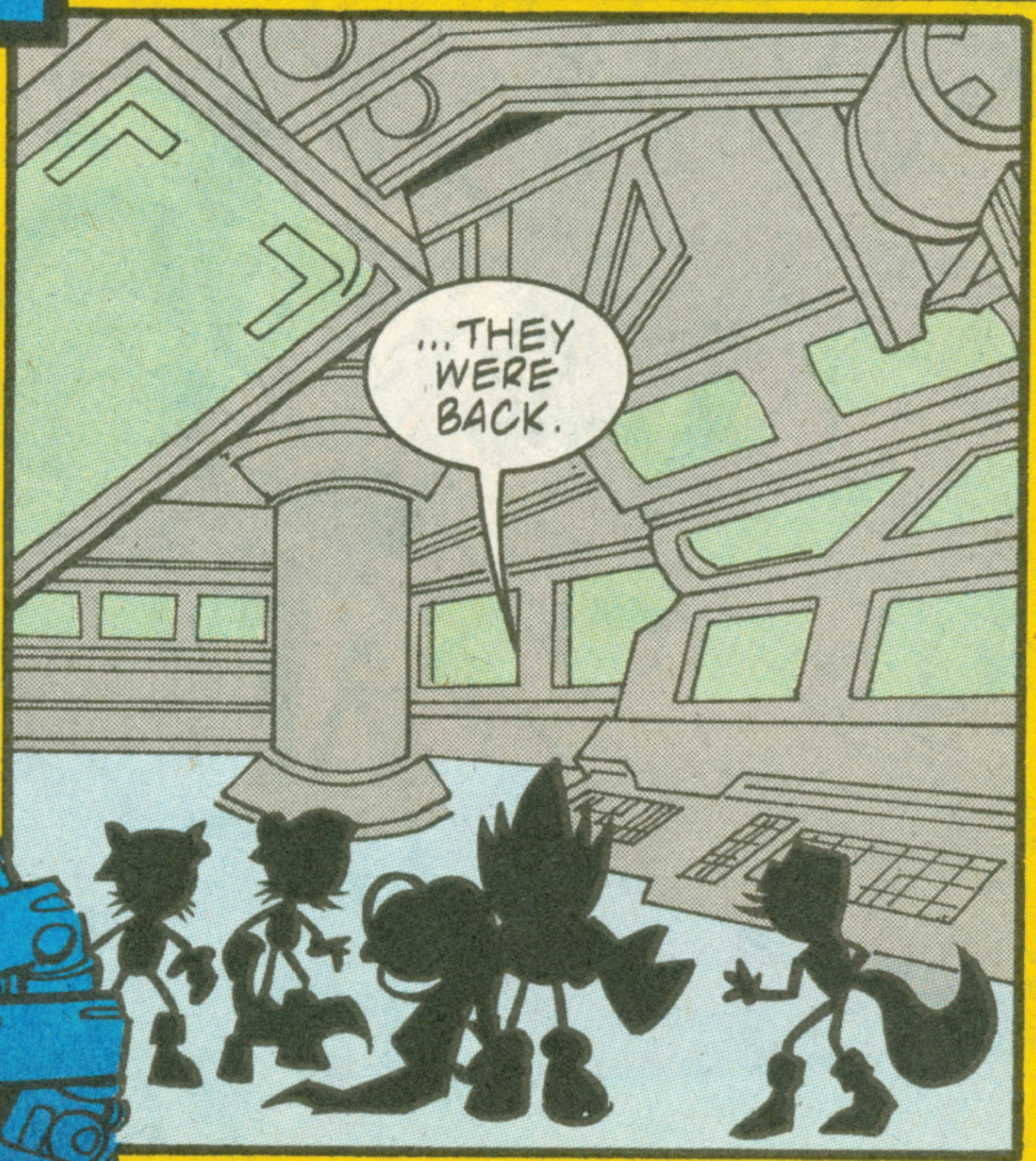


THOOM
THOOM
THOOM



SONIC! STOP!
THE SHADOW-BOTS DESTROYED!
-- WE MUST GET THE KING
MEDICAL ATTENTION!

THEY
WERE BACK...
THEY WERE
BACK...



...THEY
WERE
BACK.

KNOTHOLE...

SALLY...
PRINCESS...
SURGERY IS
COMPLETE.

WELL,
HORATIO?

IS MY
MOTHER
GOING TO
BE--

DAD!

PLEASE,
DOCTOR
QUACK...
PLEASE
HELP US...

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

A NEW DAY DAWNS...

BUT INSTEAD OF THE HOPE AND PROMISE ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN--

--WE FIND SHATTERED REMAINS OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY!

FOR OVER THE PAST TWELVE HOURS, EVER SINCE THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED BY THE DARK LEGION UPON THE FLOATING ISLAND,

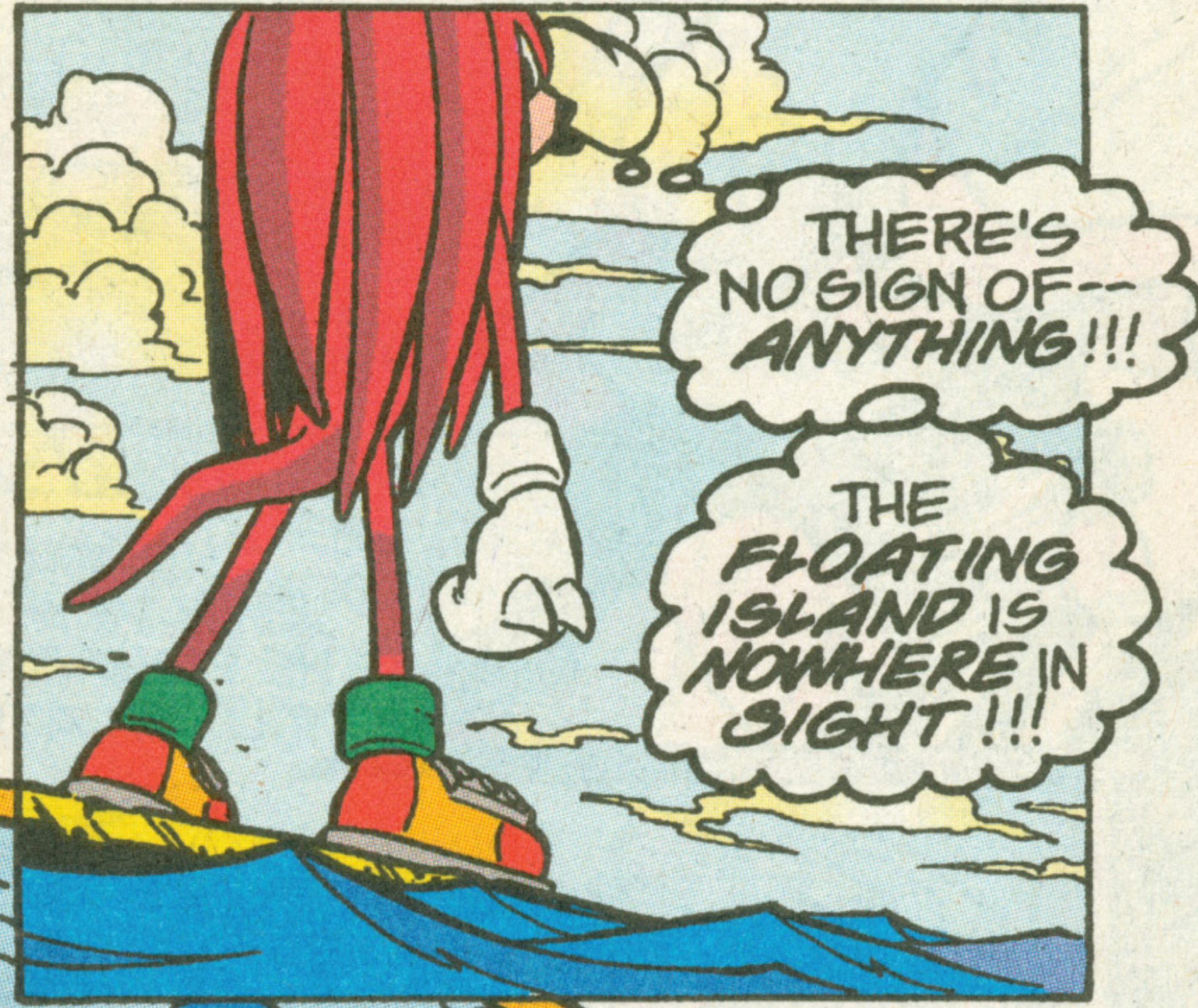
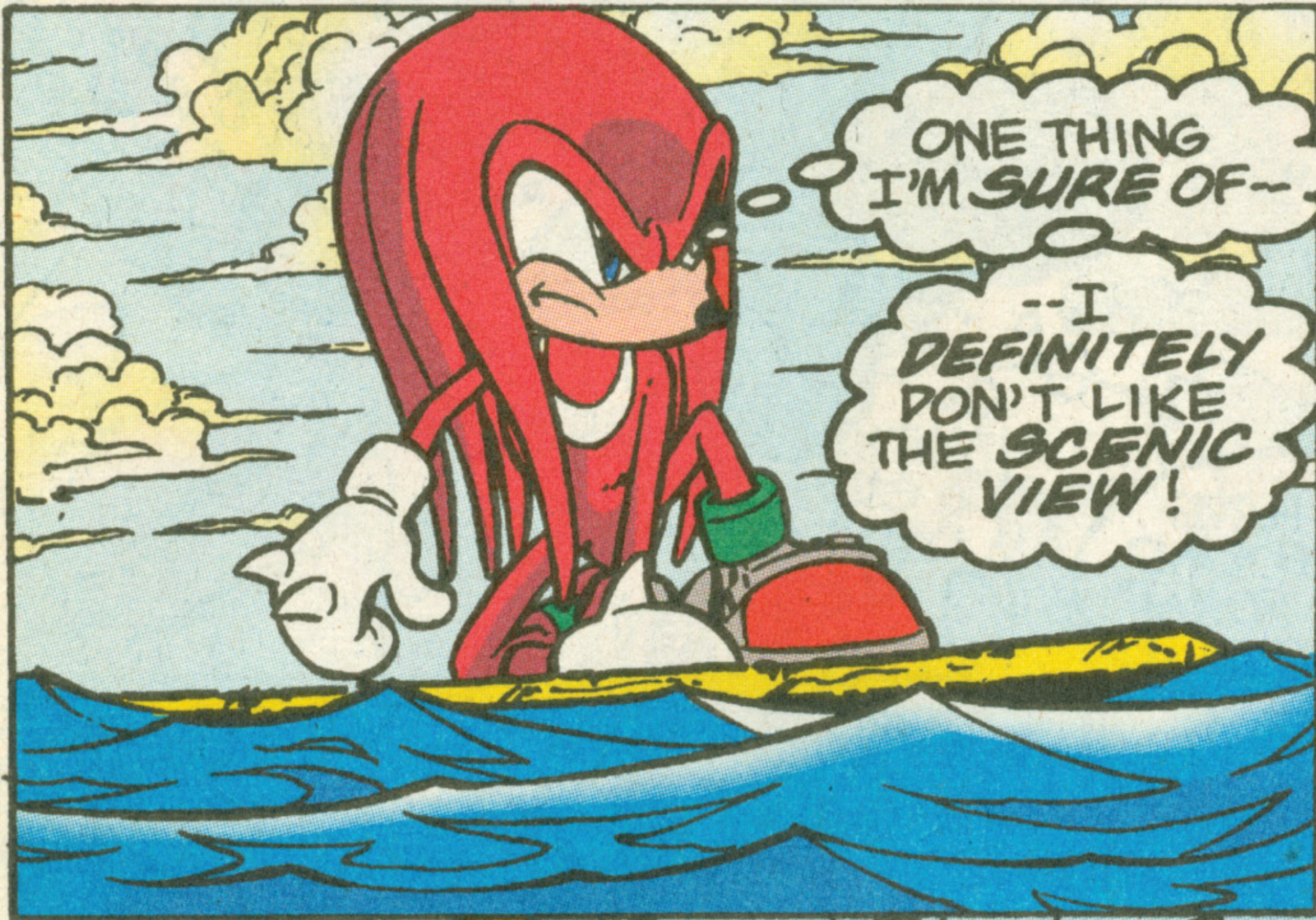
HAS LAID UNCONSCIOUS UPON A PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS, AND ONLY NOW IS FINALLY SHOWING ANY SIGN OF LIFE...

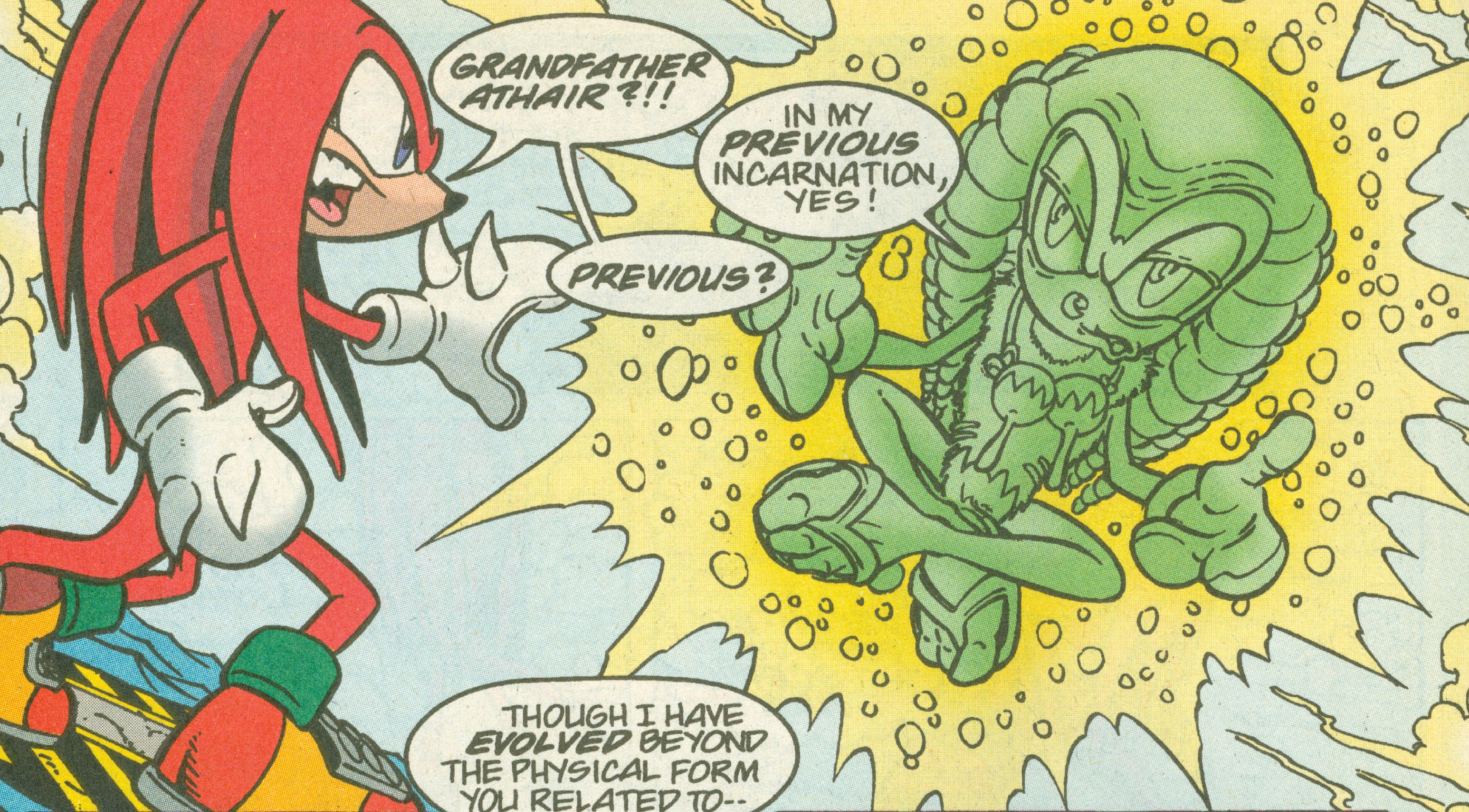


...ooh...

WHA' HAPPENED?

WHERE... AM I?





GRANDFATHER
ATHAIR?!!

IN MY
PREVIOUS
INCARNATION,
YES!

PREVIOUS?

THOUGH I HAVE
EVOLVED BEYOND
THE PHYSICAL FORM
YOU RELATED TO--

--I HAVE NOT
ABANDONED YOU
DURING YOUR HOUR
OF **NEED**!

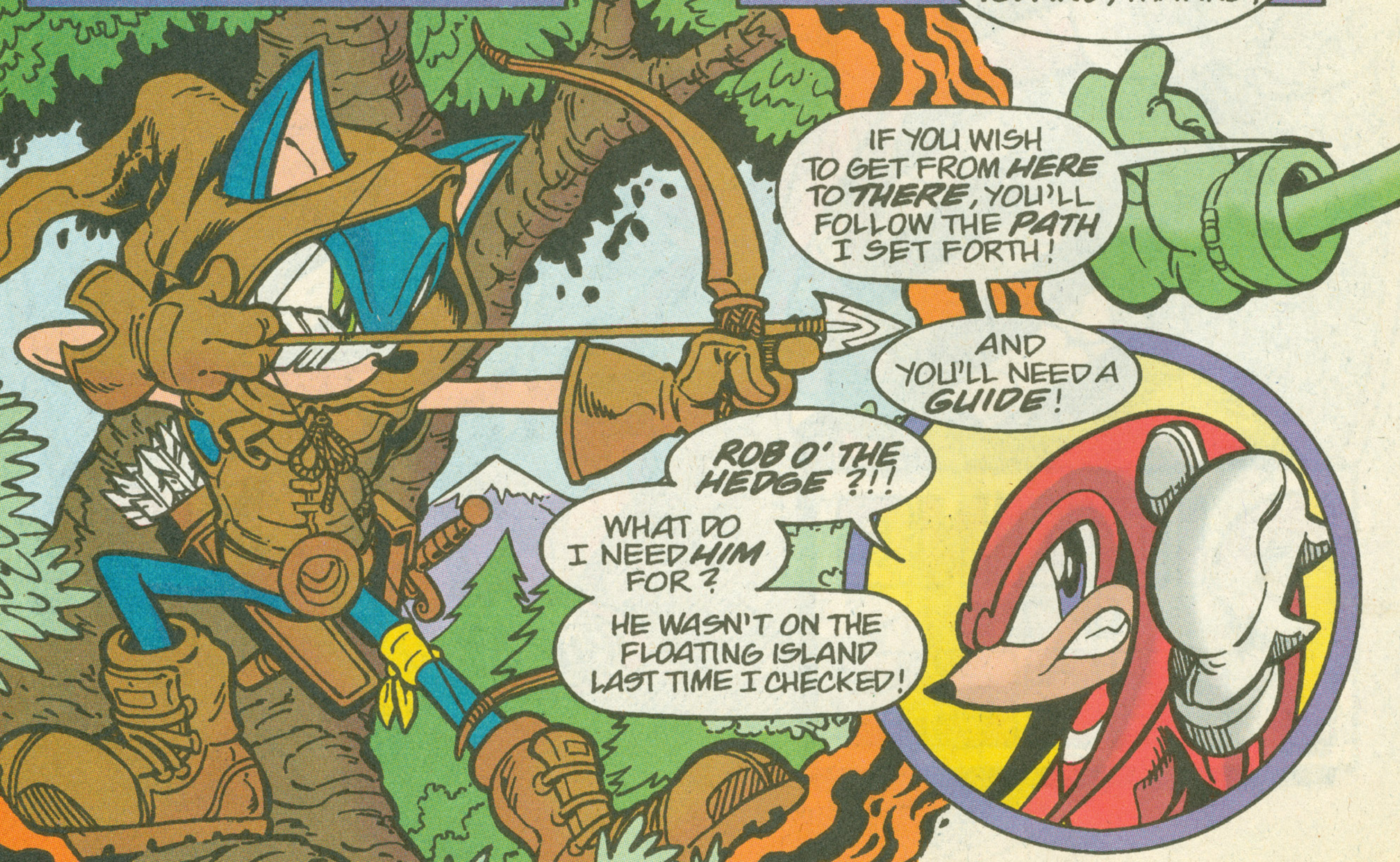
LIKE YOU
WOULD **KNOW**
WHAT
MY PROBLEM
IS!

MORE THAN
YOU COULD EVER
IMAGINE!

THE
ANSWERS
YOU SEEK
MAY BE
FOUND IN
ALBION!

ALBION?!!

JUST GET ME
TO THE **FLOATING**
ISLAND, THANKS!



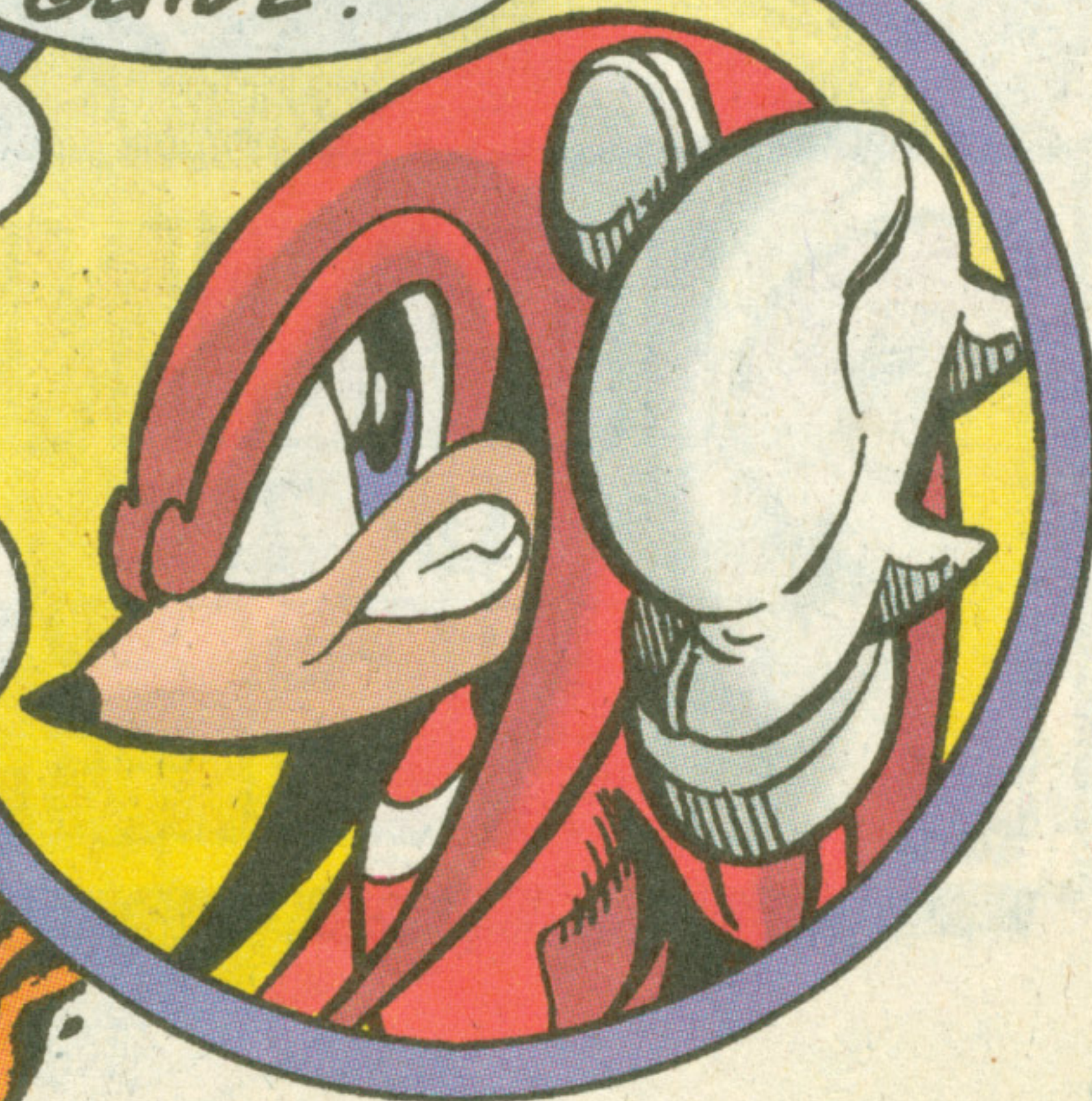
IF YOU WISH
TO GET FROM **HERE**
TO **THERE**, YOU'LL
FOLLOW THE **PATH**
I SET FORTH!

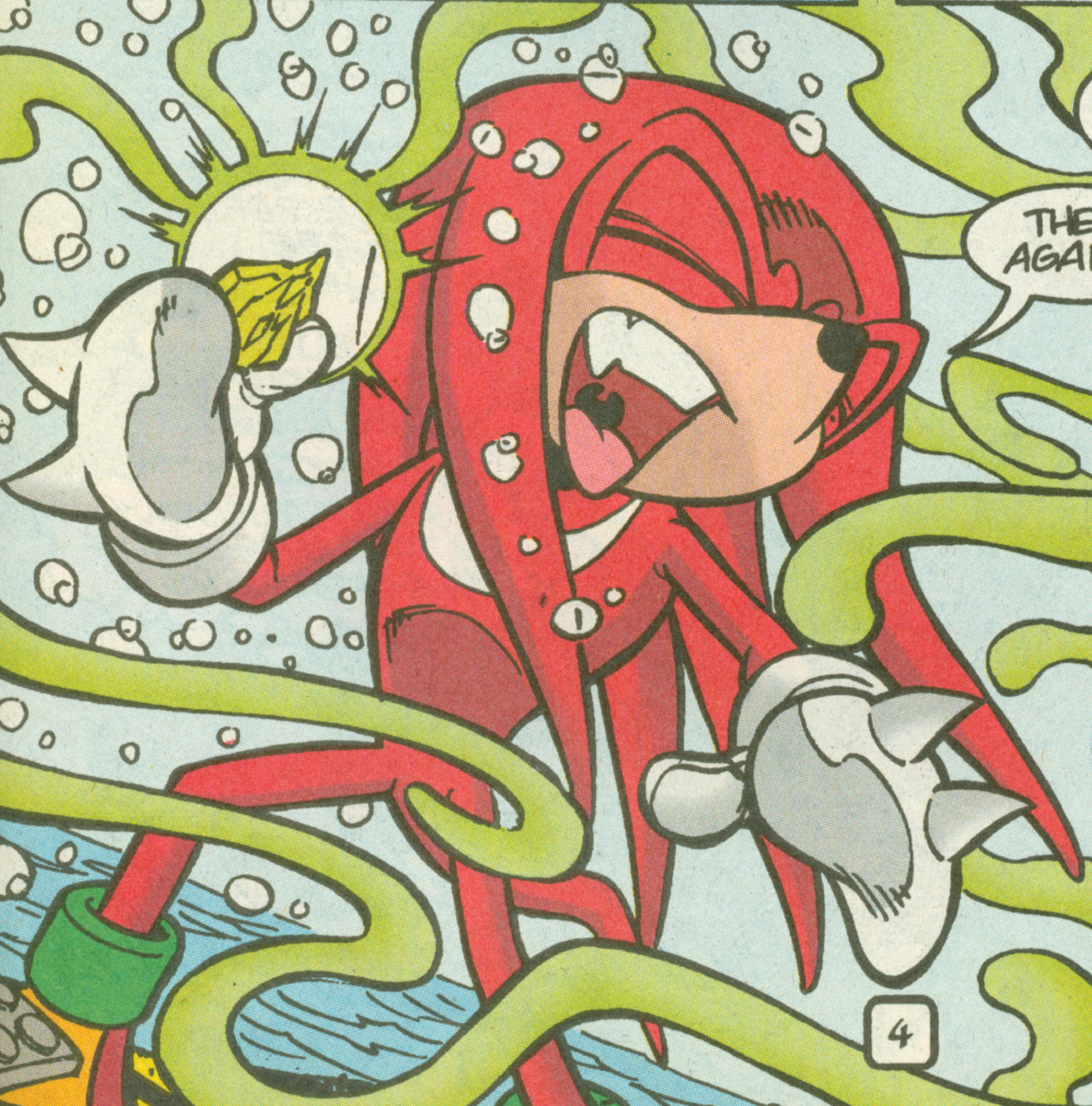
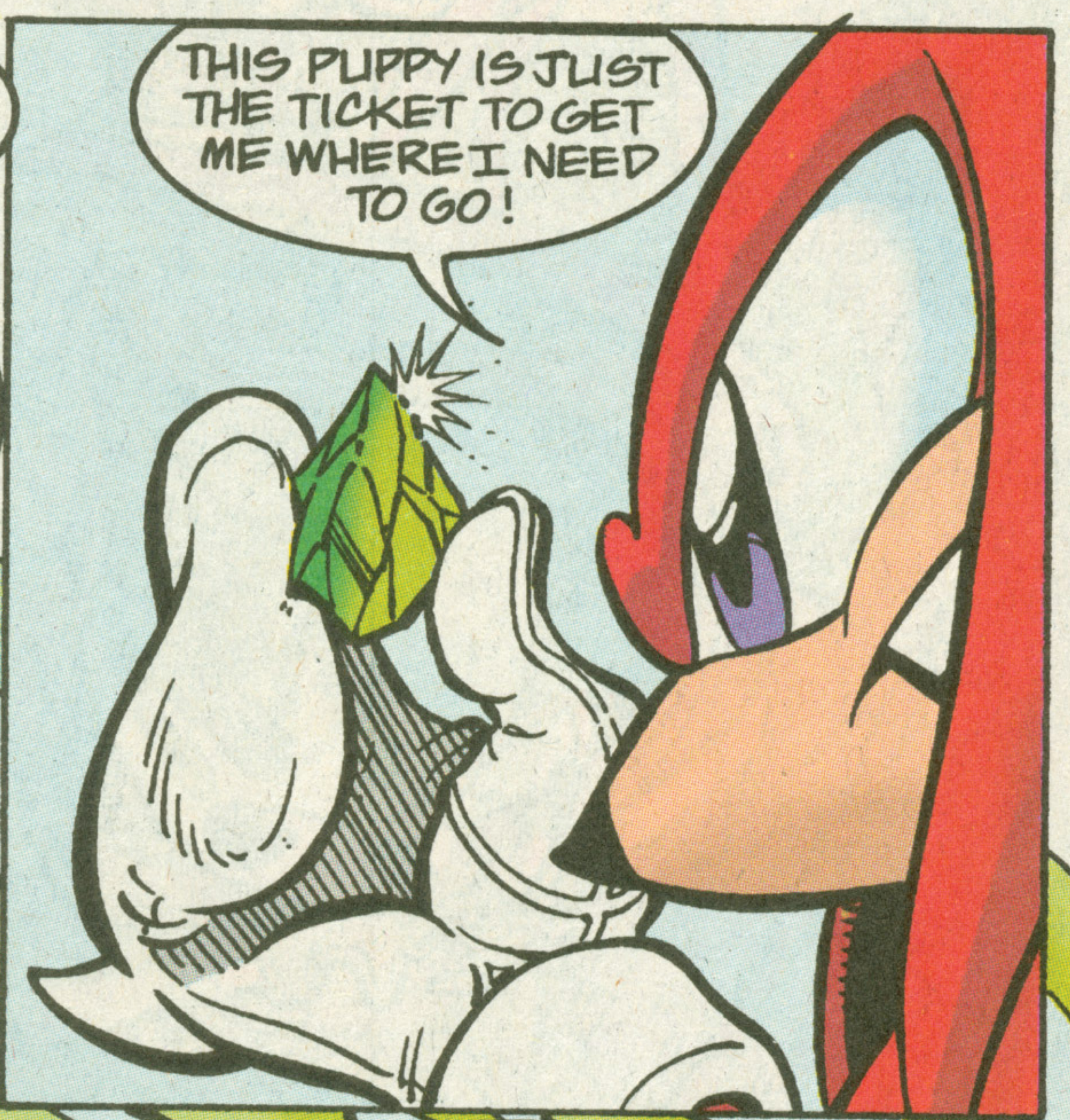
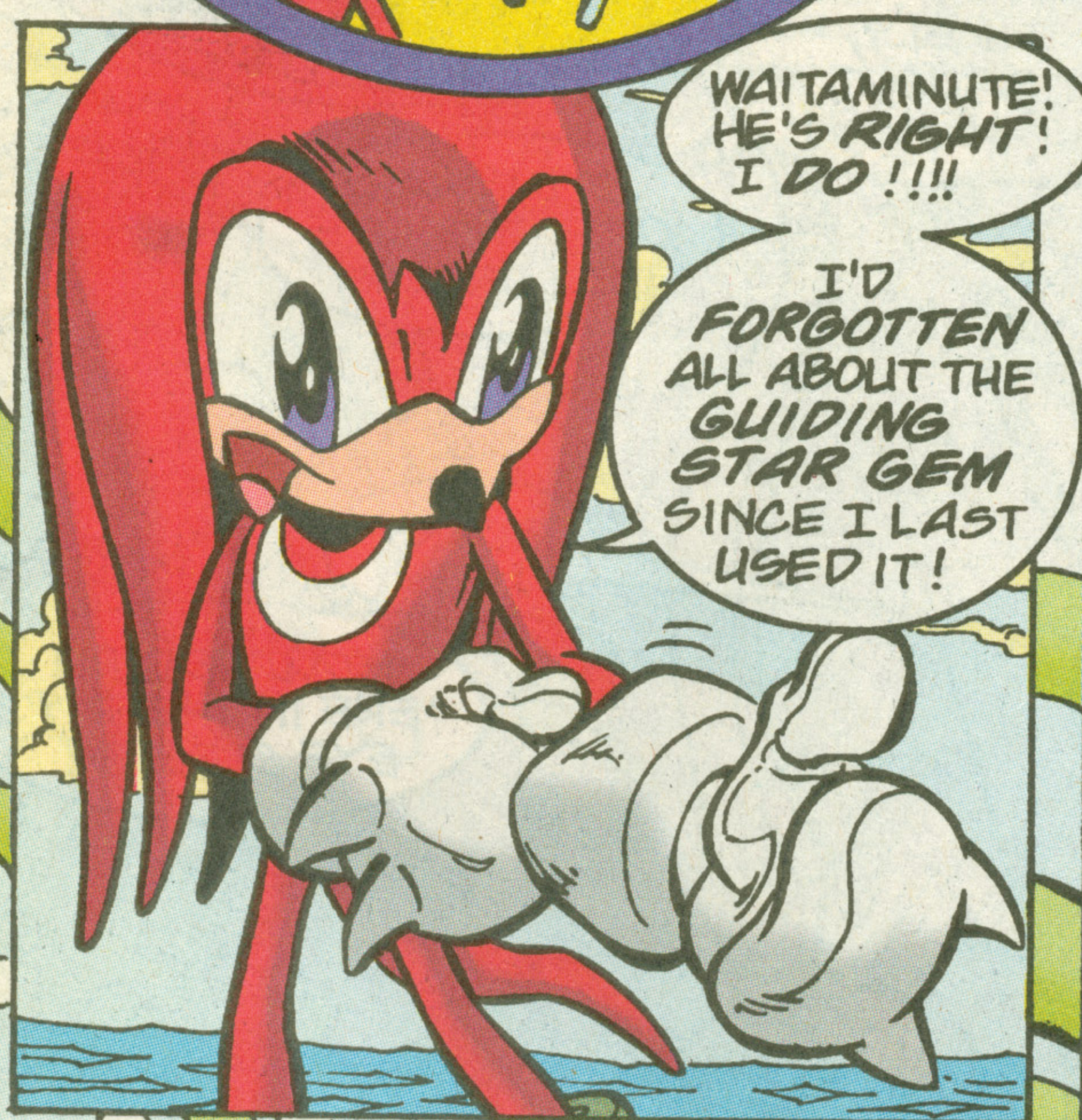
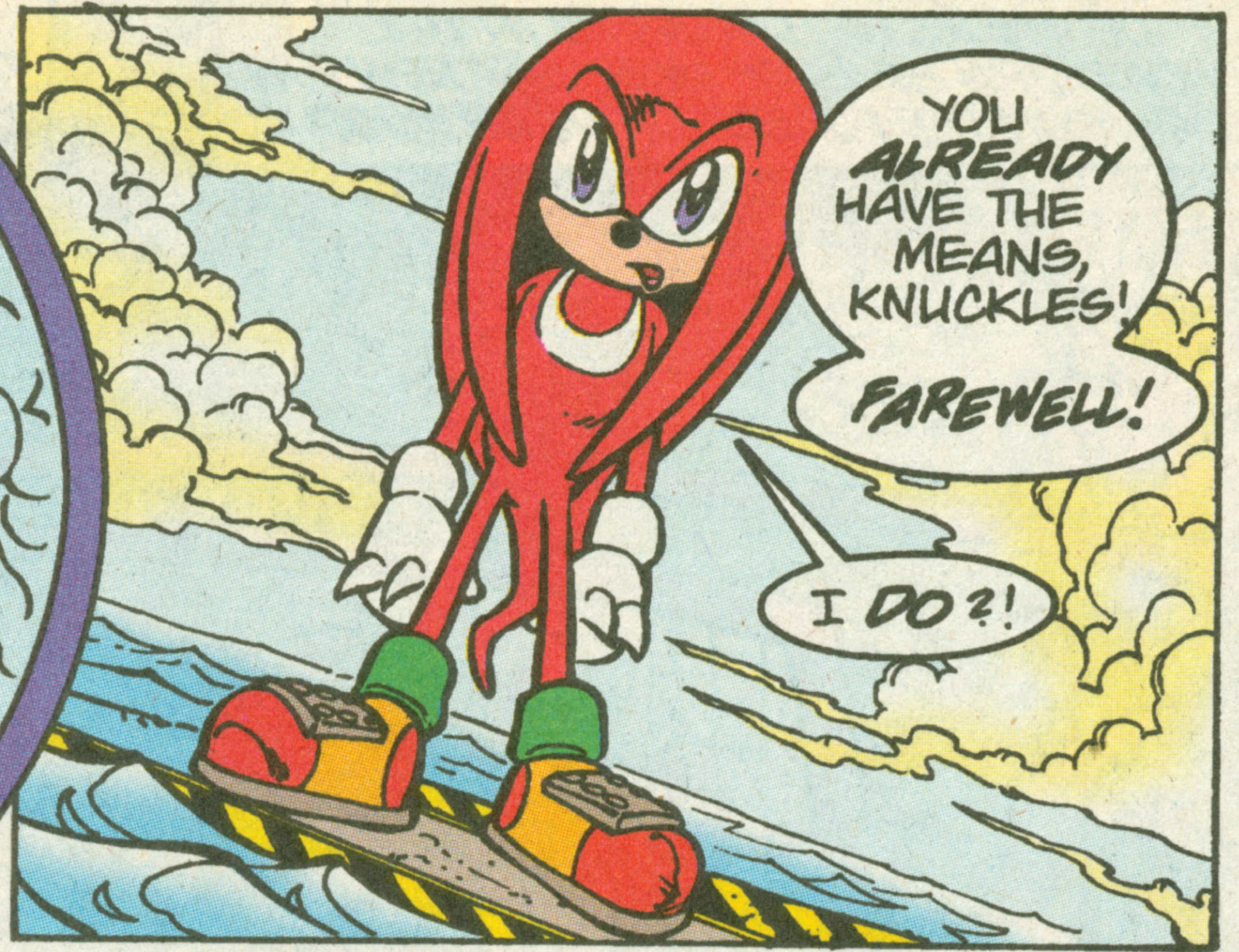
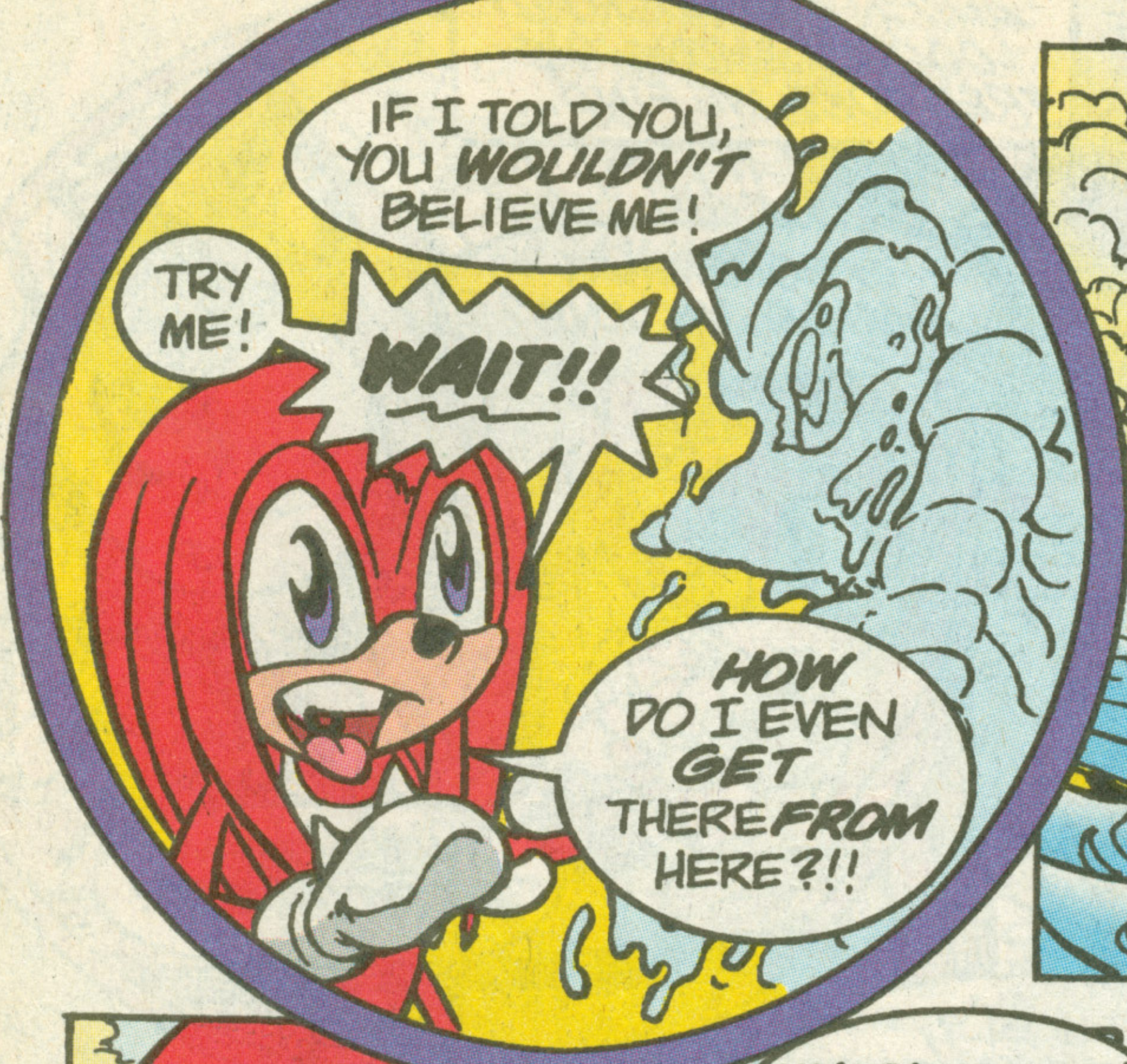
AND
YOU'LL NEED A
GUIDE!

ROB O' THE
HEDGE?!!

WHAT DO
I NEED **HIM**
FOR?

HE WASN'T ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND
LAST TIME I CHECKED!





ELSEWHERE, ON THE DISTANT ISLAND
OF **MERCIA**, LOCATED IN THE
NORTHERN SEAS OF **MOBIUS**, A NEW DAY
DAWNS IN THE FOREST OF **DEERWOOD**...

AND IN A WOODEN HUT
LOCATED AMONG THE
TREE TOPS, WE FIND...

IS SOMEWHAT
AMISS, MY LOVE?

THOU SEEM
PERTURBED!

LIKELY,
IT'S NAUGHT, MY
FAIR LEMAN!

STILL, WARY
OUTLAWS LIVE
THE LONGER!

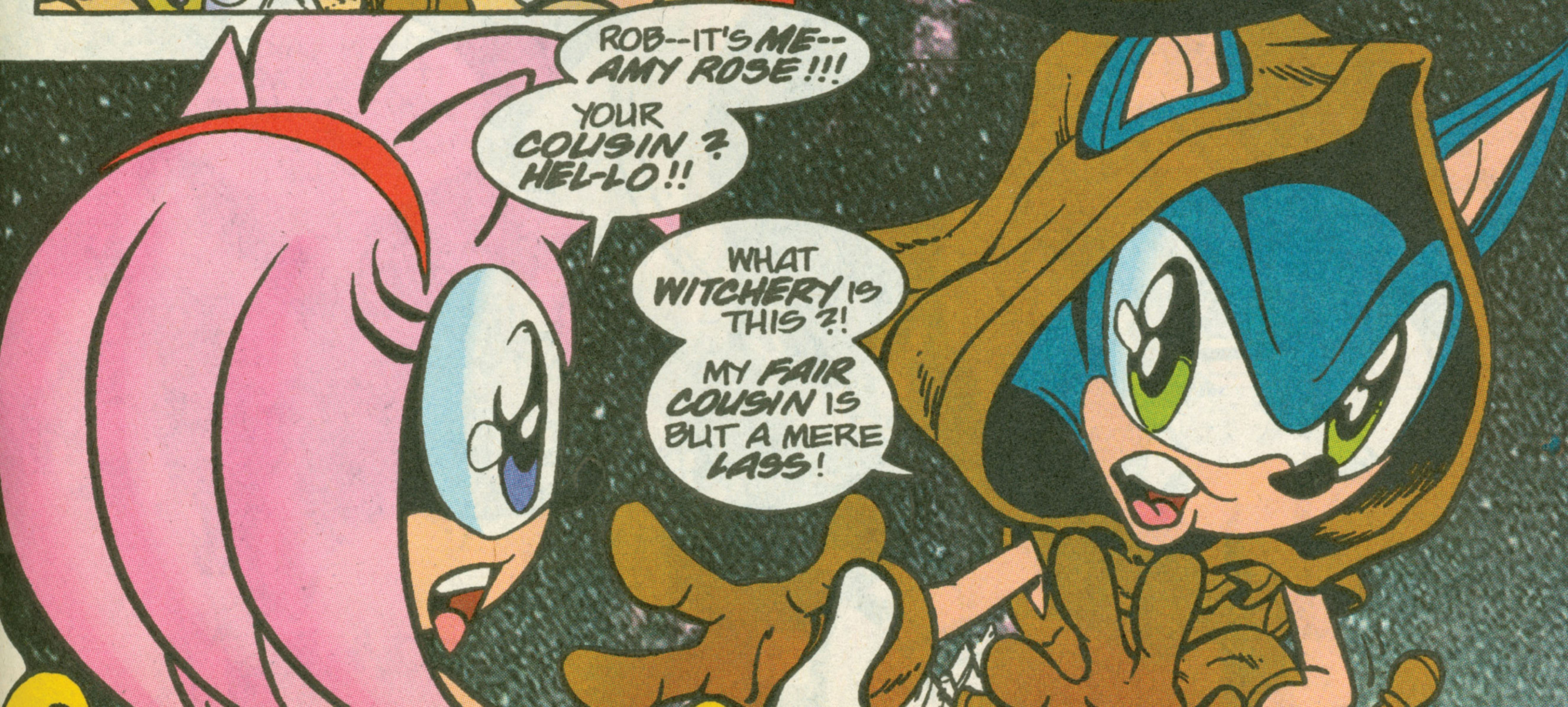
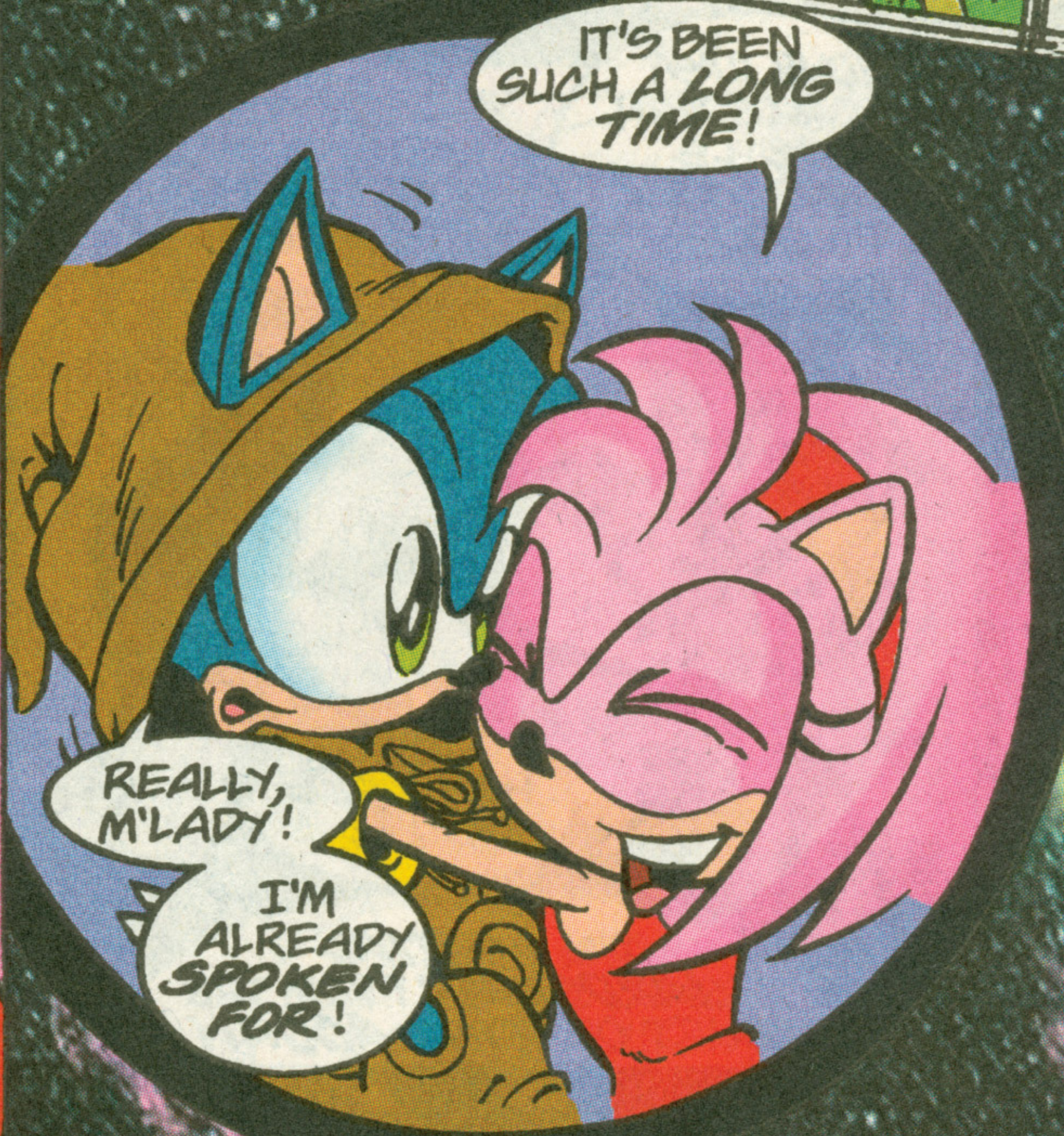
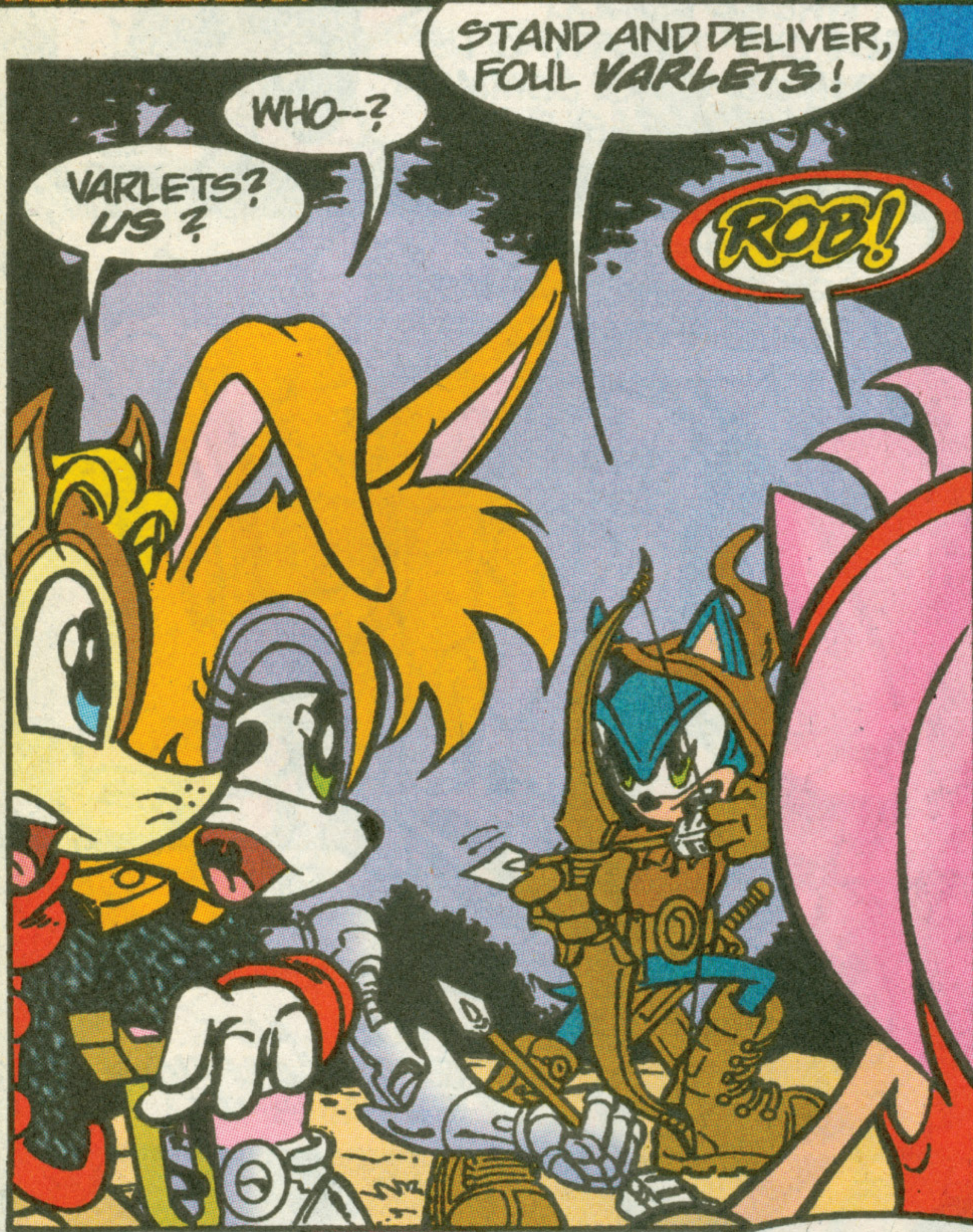
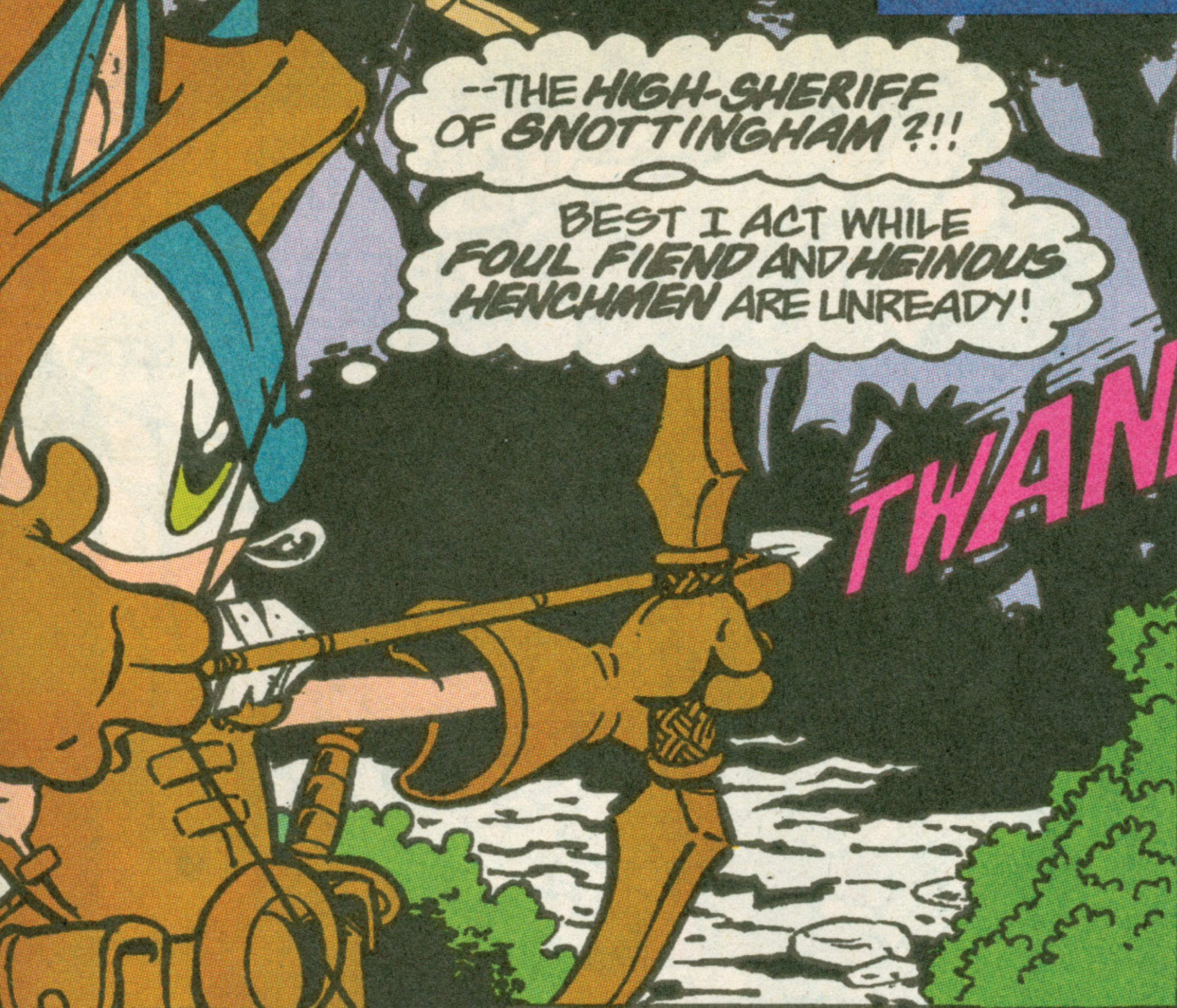
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NOT--

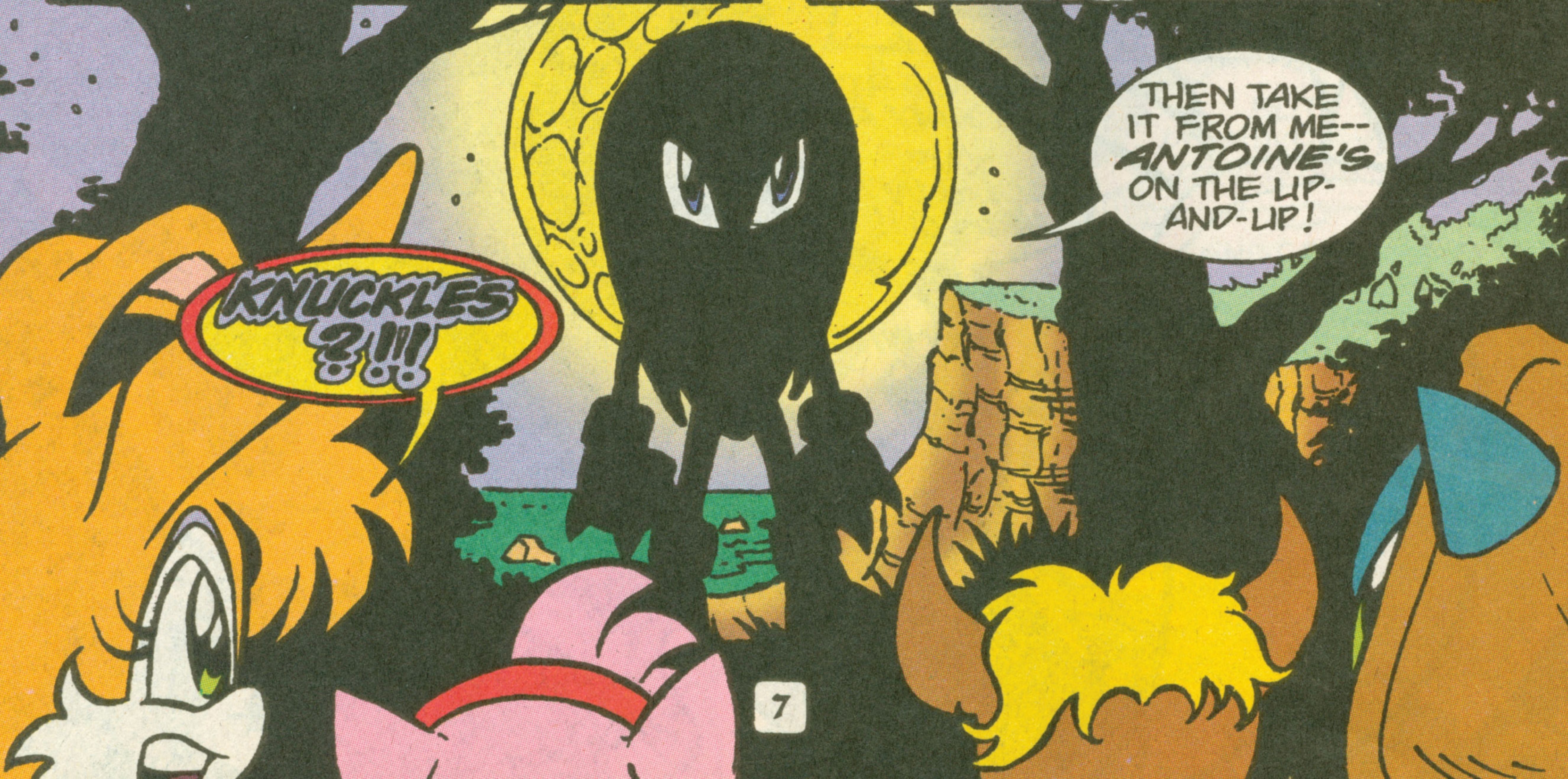
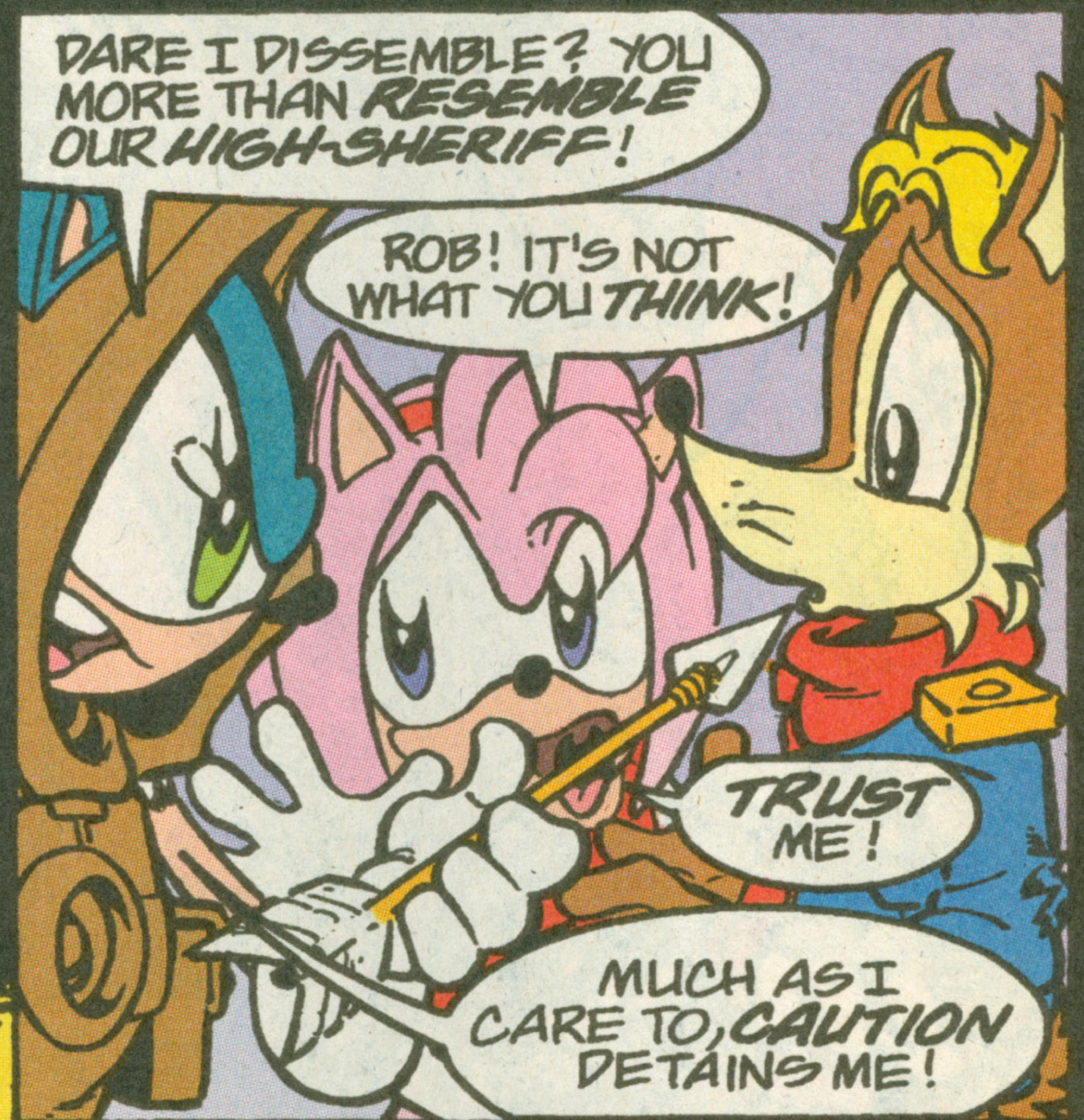
--I'LL RETURN
'ERE IN THE DAY'S
EYE SLEEPS!

HO!
YONDER WALKS A
CAUSE FOR
UNEASE!

BUT
DO MINE EYES
DECEIVE?

CANST POSSIBLY
BE THAT **BASEST** OF
BLACKGUARDS--







FRIEND KNUCKLES!
KNOWEST THOU
THIS **DASTARDLY**
INTRUDER?

YEAH--AND
HE'S DEFINITELY
ONE OF THE **GOOD**
GUYS!

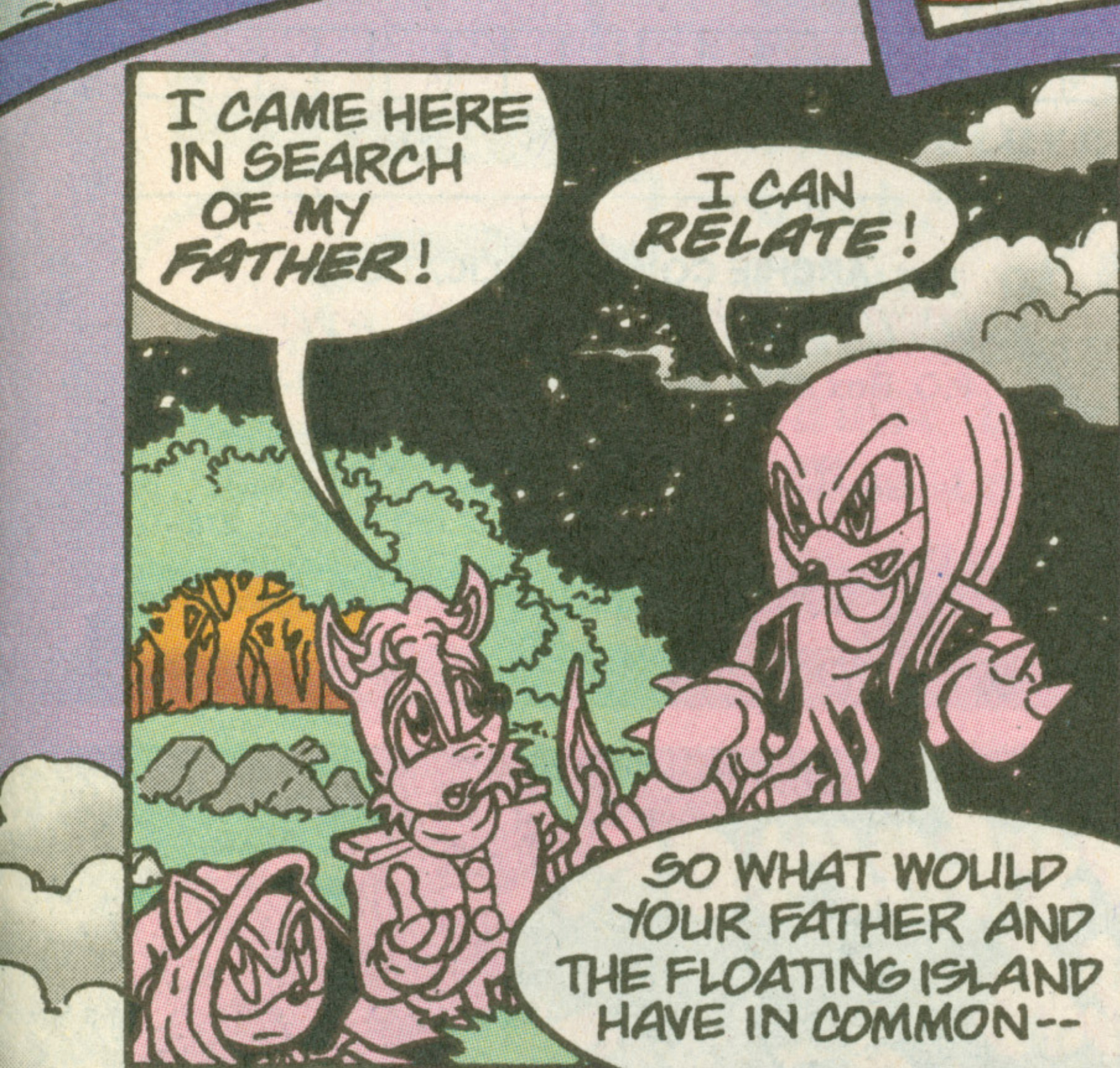
SHOAH GLAD YOAH
HEAH TO SET THIS **SONIC-**
WANNABE STRAIGHT!



I DON'T KNOW **WHY**
THEY'RE HERE, ROB, BUT
THEY **ARE** WHO THEY
SAY THEY ARE,
INCLUDING YOUR **COUSIN**,
AMY ROSE!

AS FOR THE
BOWMAN, ANTOINE,
HE'S AS MUCH A
STRAIGHT ARROW
AS YOU!

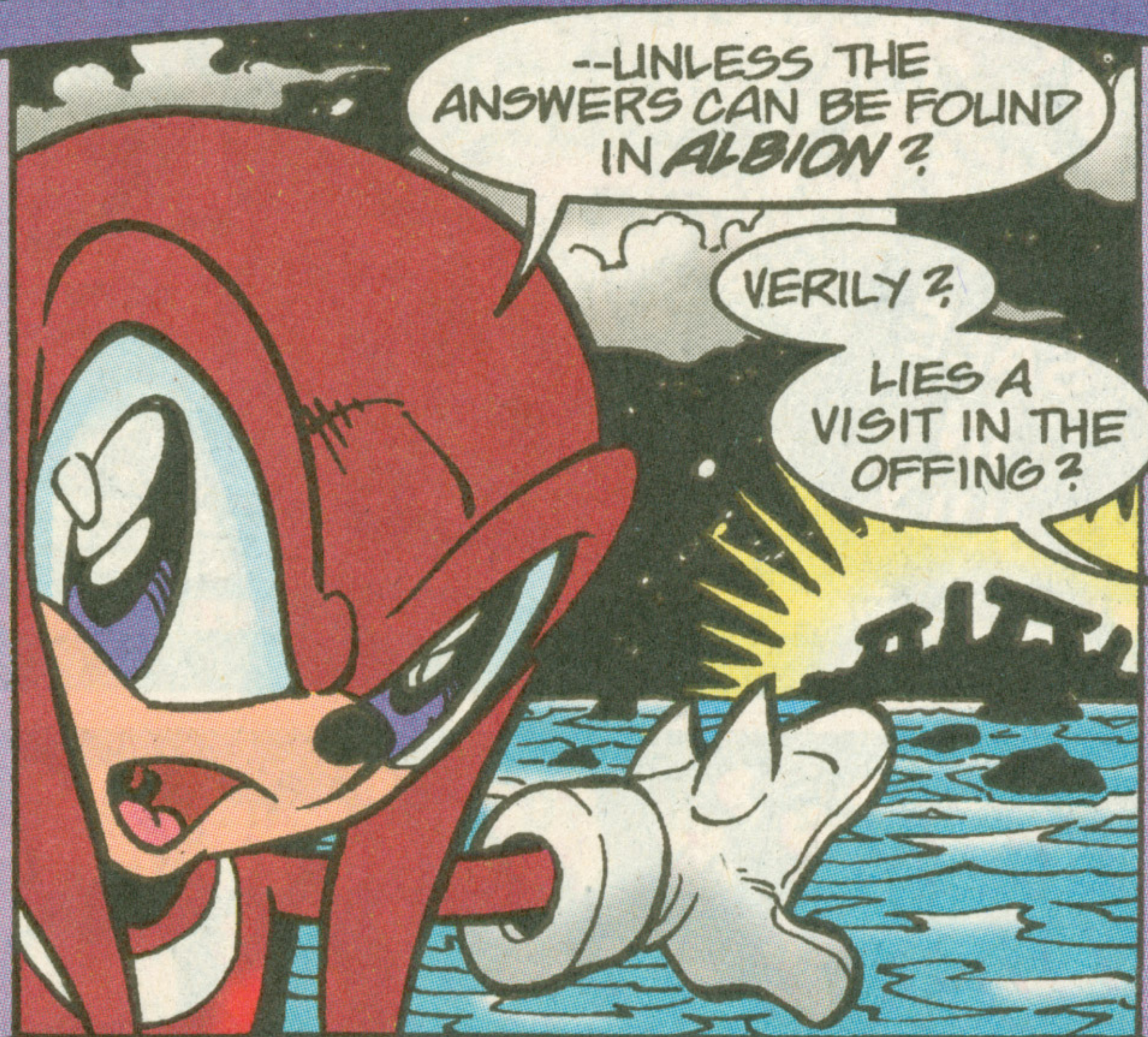
WHAT
BRINGS THEE TO
DARKEN DEERWOOD
FOREST?



I CAME HERE
IN SEARCH
OF MY
FATHER!

I CAN
RELATE!

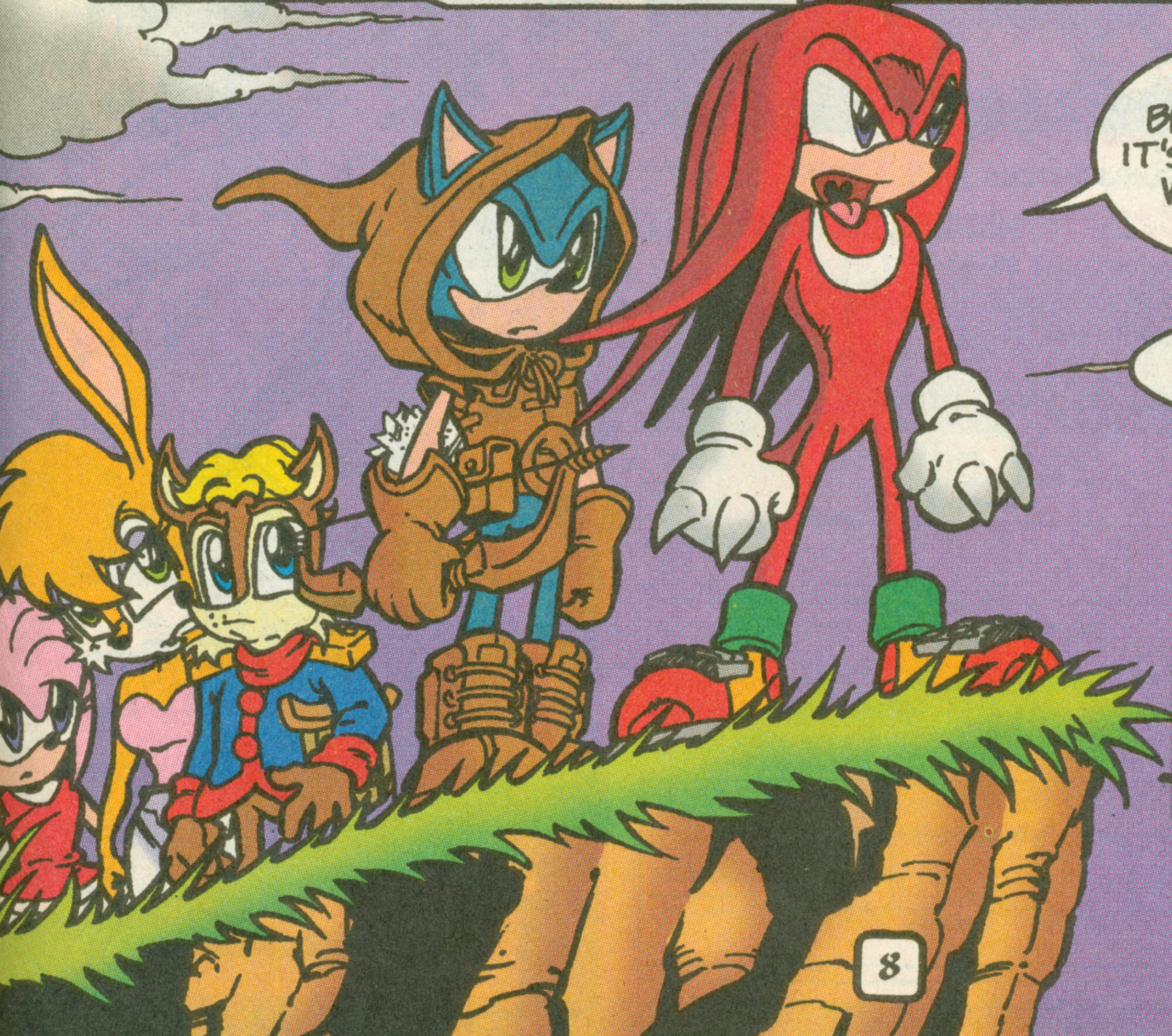
SO WHAT WOULD
YOUR FATHER AND
THE FLOATING ISLAND
HAVE IN COMMON--



--UNLESS THE
ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND
IN **ALBION?**

VERILY?

LIES A
VISIT IN THE
OFFING?



I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE
WE FIVE HAVE **COME**
TOGETHER HERE!

SO, WHO'S
WITH ME--

NEXT:
--ON THE ROAD
TO **ALBION!**